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Missing man found dead by police

DEATH Police used the GPS from a cellphone to locate what ended up being the body of a missing man Wednesday night.

Halifax RCMP received a call at about 8:30 p.m. that a 48-year-old man was overdue on a trip from Hammonds Plains to Bridgewater. He was driving a Yamaha motorcycle.

Officers contacted the man's cellphone provider and used the GPS to locate him. They found his body near Joshua Slocum Drive on Highway 3 at Hubley before midnight. It appears he left the highway and went over an embankment.

An RCMP collision analyst was at the scene and an autopsy was scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

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Capital Health fires business office worker over 'discrepancy'

ADRIAN LEE
for Metro Halifax



"There's absolutely no impact to direct patient care, today or tomorrow."

Amanda Whitewood

The largest health authority in Nova Scotia has fired one employee and put another on leave after an internal probe alleges both were taking funds from Capital Health.

After a recent internal investigation, an employee in Capital Health's business office was fired with cause for what the authority deems a financial "discrepancy" of less than \$170,000. In a separate incident May 31, police were made aware of a discrepancy of less than \$5,000, and a female employee in the accounts payable office was placed on administrative leave.

The funds less than \$5,000 have since been recovered, and Halifax Regional Police are now investigating both cases.

"Fraud exists in all organizations," Amanda Whitewood, Capital Health's chief financial officer, said Thursday. "And it's our duty and obligation to share this information and to ensure that we all appreciate the level of diligence that we need to have so that we can address these things as quickly as possible."

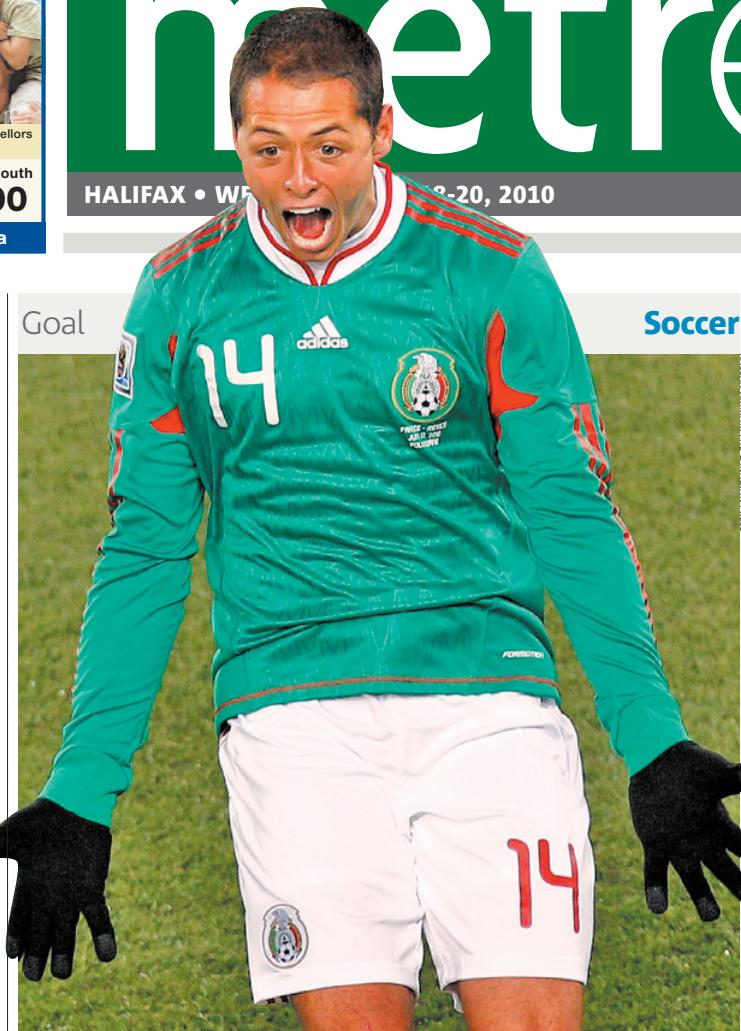
Capital Health, which has upwards of 11,000 employees, spends almost \$800 million annually. The amount of funds lost, however, will not affect day-to-day operations, according to Whitewood. "There's absolutely no impact to direct patient care, today or tomorrow."

The two employees were subject to criminal record checks, and Whitewood said they will consider using credit checks when hiring for financial operations in the future.

She also said they will try to more actively promote their checks and balances.

"Part of the equation on internal discrepancies is to ensure people know that you're watching, that the organization expects ethical, accountable behaviour," said Whitewood.

This is the second alleged defrauding of a Nova Scotian health authority in the last year. In November 2009, an Annapolis Valley Health Authority employee was fired after he was charged with stealing more than \$400,000 from the joint account of the Annapolis Valley, South Shore, and South West Nova health authorities.



Mexico's Javier Hernandez celebrates Thursday after scoring a goal during the World Cup Group A soccer match between France and Mexico at Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane, South Africa. Mexico won 2-0. More World Cup coverage, pages 22, 24.

Fire officials launch defamation suit

COURTS The Halifax regional fire department's two top officials have filed a defamation lawsuit against seven people, including two firefighters, over comments made anonymously on a local weekly newspaper's website.

Fire Chief Bill Mosher and Deputy Chief Stephen Thurber say in court documents filed Thursday in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia the comments made on the website of The Coast are libellous and they are seeking unspecified damages.

The comments came after a series of articles about the fire department, including an article about

Paper not named

- There are no allegations of libel against The Coast itself, and the newspaper is not named in the lawsuit.

black firefighters filing a human rights complaint against the department.

The court documents say two of the defendants are current employees of the department and two are former employees. The backgrounds of three other people are not given.

The statement of claim contains allegations that have not been proven in court. No statements of defence have been filed.

The comments criticize the chief and deputy for their leadership abilities, suggest they were unprofessional in handling personnel and claim they should be removed from their jobs.

Blair Cromwell, a black firefighter who has launched a human rights complaint against the fire department, confirmed he had sent one of the emails contained in the lawsuit.

The email he sent included a derogatory description of the deputy fire chief and alleges unfair treatment of black members of the department recruited through affirmative action programs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Local



Haligonian makes Polaris long list

Halifax's Meaghan Smith, left, has been named to the Polaris Music Prize long list. The prize, which is in its fifth year, awards \$20,000 to the best full-length Canadian album, judged solely on artistic merit. Smith is up for the award with her debut album *The Cricket's Orchestra*. Smith's record is the only Nova Scotian album to make the list, which will be shortened to a Top 10 on July 7.

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Three face charges in stabbing of trucker

CRIME Police have laid charges against three people in the stabbing and alleged robbery of a truck driver who was found in a Dartmouth mall parking lot on Wednesday morning.

Tyrone Anthony Cross, a 33-year-old from Cole Harbour, is facing the most serious charges — using a firearm in the commission of an offence, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, robbery, kidnapping, aggravated assault, uttering threats and possession of stolen property under \$5,000.

Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Theresa Rath said the alleged stolen property was a truckload of recyclable goods.

She said the victim and Cross are known to one another and were together earlier Tuesday for what she called "prior dealings."

Police believe the 40-year-old victim pulled his 18-

wheeler into the Penhorn Mall parking lot at around 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday. He was found almost 12 hours later in the cab of his vehicle, suffering from multiple stab wounds. Rath said investigators have spoken to the victim, whose injuries aren't life-threatening.

"We want to be very clear — this is not a random incident," Rath said.

Nelson Tyrelle Beals, 22, and Marlo Maliletto Cain, 39, both of Dartmouth, are also charged in relation to the incident. Both are facing charges of possession of stolen property under \$5,000, possession for the purpose of trafficking and breach of probation.

Cross, Beals and Maliletto were arrested together on Wednesday afternoon in Cole Harbour. The trio appeared in Dartmouth provincial court on Thursday to face the charges.

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Firefighters still monitoring blaze site

MOP-UP Firefighters remained on the scene Thursday in the Middle Porters Lake area after a Tuesday brush fire forced the evacuation of 34 homes along West Porters Lake Road.

No homes were damaged in the fire that recalled a blaze in an area just slightly southeast of this one, which occurred two years and two days before. Residents were allowed back into their homes by Tuesday night.

"We are still continuing in our mop-up stage, and we're starting to pull some of our remaining equipment off the line," said

ADRIAN LEE/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Though Thursday's damp, cooler conditions assisted in the removal of possible hotspots that could reignite a fire, Steeves added that "anything helps, to be honest." He also remarked that weather patterns are naturally inconsistent.

He declined to put a timeline on the process.

Confirmation of trial date delayed

Start of dead infant case to be decided in August

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for Metro Halifax

Ashiqur Rahman is still waiting to find out when exactly he'll have his day in court.

At his arraignment at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax Thursday morning, Judge Simon MacDonald told Rahman that he faces charges of aggravated assault and manslaughter, and that his trial date would be confirmed on Aug. 5.

However, both Crown and defence lawyers said at the arraignment they estimated the trial would run for 10 days, and the clerks suggested a free time that would begin Feb. 14.

The case will not be tried by a jury, but by a judge alone.

Rahman, 24, has been in prison since he was arrested on July 24 and charged with aggravated assault after police responded to a call that his seven-week-old daughter, Aurora Breakthrough, was seriously injured.

Aurora died three days later at the IWK Health Centre.

Rahman's common-law partner, 23-year-old Jane Elizabeth Gomes, was also facing charges of manslaughter stemming from Aurora's death, but pleaded guilty in April to the less-serious charge of



Ashiqur Rahman is escorted from a Halifax provincial courtroom in this file photo from December. Rahman appeared in court on Thursday and will have his trial date determined in August for a manslaughter charge in the death of his infant daughter.

failing to provide the necessities of life. She received six months probation.

Rahman and Gomes are both from Bangladesh and have been staying in Canada on student visas.

They had studied com-

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Rail cash to be advised, says MLA

TRAINs Nova Scotia's economic development minister says he will soon submit a recommendation to cabinet regarding a new subsidy for the Cape Breton and Central railway.

Percy Paris says negotiations have been ongoing with Rail America Inc., the railway's parent company.

Paris didn't offer details, but he says that under a previous agreement a portion of the provincial subsidy had to be used for track maintenance.

The condition was included in the five-year, \$10-million deal signed with the previous Conservative government, which expired March 31. Rail line safety is under scrutiny following the derailment of one of the company's freight trains last Sunday in Avondale.

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There's a championship banner missing on the walls of the Mayflower Curling Club.

"We have provincial, national and world titles and soon enough we hope to have a wheelchair curling title," said Paul McDonald, past president of the curling club.

With a grant from the province of \$20,000, MacDonald said the club will soon be accessible to all curlers.

An accessible bathroom facility is going in on the first floor and a ramp will be installed.

"And ultimately the biggest achievement with this funding will be a wheelchair lift into the ice shed," he said.

On Thursday, Health Pro-

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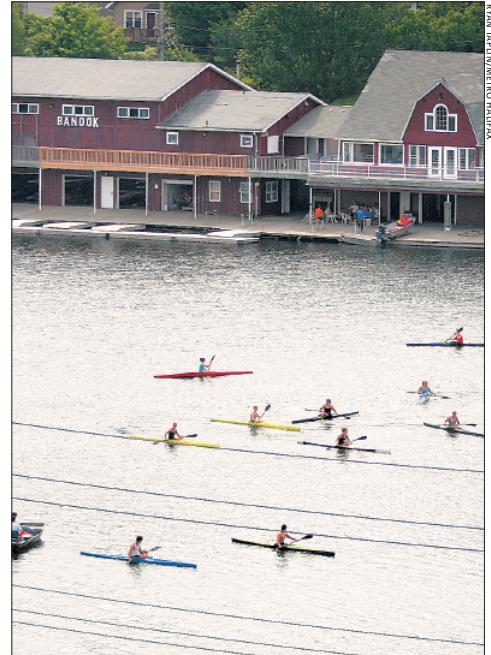
- Banook Canoe Club: \$35,000 for upgrades to the building
- Halifax Atlantic Gymnastics Club: \$22,000 for a landing pit
- Shatford Home and School Association: \$7,000 for a trailer connector
- Mayflower Curling Club: \$20,000 for accessibility upgrades
- Dalhousie Arena: \$35,000 for lighting
- McIntosh Run Watershed Association: \$20,000 for trails.
- Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association: \$60,000 for trails
- Sackville Heights Community Centre: \$35,000 to develop a park
- \$10,000 for a volleyball court at Graham's Grove
- River Community Centre Association: \$25,000 to re-develop park at Mosher River
- Upper Musquodoboit Consolidation: \$10,000 to upgrade outdoor court
- Ecole LeMarchant St. Thomas School: \$25,000 to improve playground
- \$100,000 to develop Waverley ball field over two years
- \$30,000 to build Delaney Drive Park and playground
- \$20,000 to replace Glen Arbor playground
- \$20,000 to develop Beavertown Monarch School playground
- \$45,000 to develop McNabs Island trail system
- \$30,000 to upgrade trails at First Lake

motion and Protection Minister Maureen MacDonald held a press conference at the curling club and announced grants for 19 community groups in the central region that includes the HRM.

"We have a long way to go in improving the health status of our population.

This is why this kind of investment is so important," she said.

In total, the province is spending \$549,000 for community groups in this area. Similar grant announcements are being made around the province as the government spends a total of \$2.49 million.



Kayakers paddle in front of the Banook Canoe Club in this file photo from 2007. The canoe club is receiving \$35,000 for structural and electrical upgrades as part of a \$549,000 recreation facility development program for Nova Scotia's central region.

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Foul play not suspected

RCMP in Cape Breton don't suspect foul play as they investigate the discovery of a woman's body on the side of a road near Baddeck. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Labour contracts to lapse soon

25,000 government employees to see their agreements expire at the end of the month

The NDP government is facing months of hard bargaining with representatives for thousands of public sector workers as dozens of labour contracts are set to expire at the end of this month.

Seventy-three of 76 agreements with the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union — representing some 25,000 workers — are about to lapse.

Union president Joan Jessome said negotiations on a number of those contracts will be "backed up" until an impasse is resolved on a new deal for 7,800 government workers.

Although the government workers can't strike,

"We went in knowing the money was going to be a tough issue for everybody."

Joan Jessome, NSUPE president

their bargaining committee has recommended rejection of the province's final contract offer in favour of arbitration.

Jessome said the recommendation has been sent to the membership for a vote, to be held next week.

She said the government is sticking to a standard offer of one per cent raises for each of two years.

The union has submitted an offer of three per cent each year, but Jessome said it was just as concerned with the government's move to reduce the size of

the civil service by 10 per cent over four years.

"We went in knowing the money was going to be a tough issue for everybody," she said. "We wanted to get issues such as job security, especially in light of the announcement in the provincial budget of a 10 per cent reduction and a program review."

Premier Darrell Dexter said that until talks are concluded it's generally wise to "leave it alone" in terms of commenting on ongoing labour negotiations.

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Province creates new position in attempt to draw federal funding

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INFRASTRUCTURE The province is creating a new six-figure position in a late game attempt to make the Atlantic Gateway dream a reality.

There's federal money up for grabs, but so far the province only has a list of projects rather than a coherent plan.

They're hoping that will change as they bring on Kevin Hamm to lead the Nova Scotia Gateway Secretariat at a pay of \$165,000 per year.

"He's going to act to coordinate all the efforts on the Atlantic Gateway," said Premier Darrell Dexter.

"Up to now, there's been kind of a diffuse arrangement where there have been a series of gateway

councils and many different interests in many different places."

There's some urgency as deadlines to access pots of federal gateway money loom. Dexter said if a convincing business case isn't presented to Stephen Harper's government soon, Nova Scotia may lose out.

"We've reached a point now where if there's going to be action on the Atlantic Gateway it has to actually take place," he said.

The idea of turning Nova Scotia into a hub for receiving and transporting goods has been tossed around for years, with some debate around how realistic it is. One problem the province needs to overcome is competition from Prince Ed-

ward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Whereas Nova Scotia and New Brunswick both benefit from a gateway beginning at the Halifax harbour and heading inland, the other two provinces are pushing projects with a more northerly approach.

"One of the things that's a little bit frustrating for us is that in B.C. you have one jurisdiction acting on their own and here you have four," said Dexter.

"With all respect to my colleagues in Newfoundland and P.E.I. ... I don't think they have the same interest in this that we do."

Hamm brings with him experience as a senior executive in the telecommunications and retail industries across Canada.

Burnside jail getting back to normal

RIOT Two days after a riot rolled through the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, the Burnside jail is getting back to normal.

"Things are quite orderly there now," said Jennifer Gavin, a spokeswoman for the province's Department of Justice.

The day unit in which 17 inmates trashed windows,

sprinklers and recreation equipment has been cleaned up and is fully operational, while the only area that remains locked down is the unit holding the inmates involved in the incident. The prison-wide lockdown ended about three hours after the incident.

While a "thorough" search has not yet yielded

the weapon that was used to stab a prisoner in three places, the justice department is hesitant to hinge the lockdown on the weapon's retrieval.

"There's many different ways to dispose of that in a professional facility, including sewer systems," said Gavin.

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A car turning right into a parking lot on Quinpool Road Wednesday afternoon hit a man on a bicycle. After the cyclist flipped over the vehicle's engine, the car drove over his legs. The bike rider's injuries were not life-threatening. METRO HALIFAX

Cyclist injured after being hit by car

Construction near airport

DELAYS If you have a flight leaving Halifax Stanfield International Airport, you'll want to give yourself more time getting there.

A construction project is underway to re-pave Highway 102 north-bound between Exit 5A (Aerotech Park) and Exit 6 (airport).

The work is expected to last between six to eight weeks and will see lane reductions. There will be two lanes open during morning and evening peak hours, and one lane between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There will be access to the airport at all times.

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Screenings set for outdoor filmFesto

The lineup for the 10th year of the alfresco filmFesto on the Halifax waterfront has been announced.

The schedule begins Friday, July 23 with the hit film Dirty Dancing. Over the next five Fridays, the films being shown are Easy Rider (July 30), Annie (Aug. 6), Sixteen Candles (Aug. 13), The Karate Kid (Aug. 20) and Clue (Aug. 27).

The Atlantic Film Festival Association puts together this filmFesto with

the movies to be projected on a new 30-foot inflatable screen at the end of the waterfront's boardwalk.

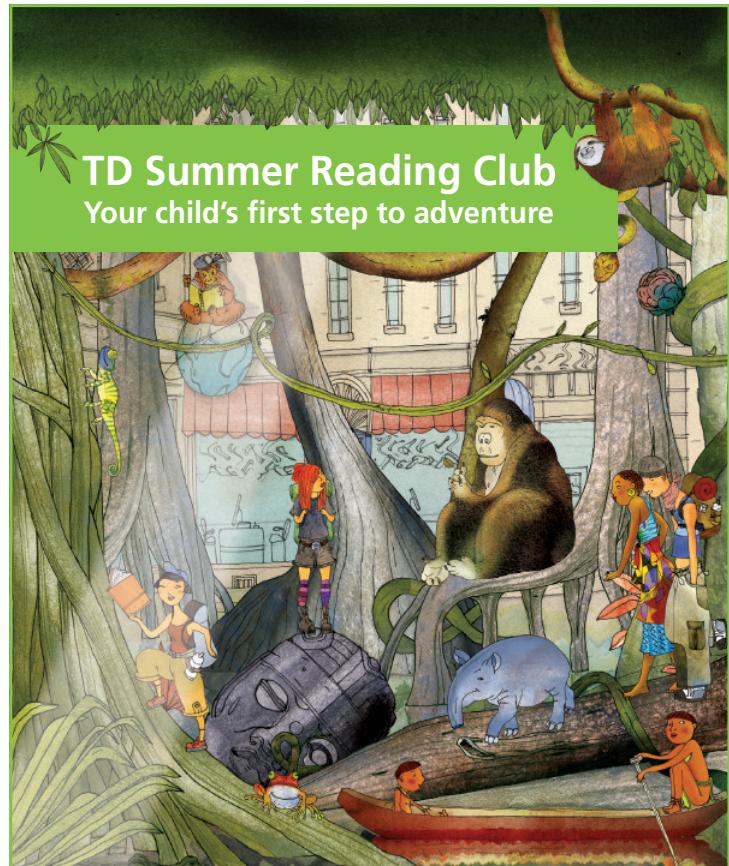
The gates open each night at 8 p.m., with the movies beginning at 9 p.m.

People are asked to bring their own lawn chair or blanket for seating.

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Workers install a glass panel on the new Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market as cruise ship employees in behind wash the windows on the Maasdam, which was in town on Thursday.

Lanes closing for weekend bridge work

FACELIFT The MacKay Bridge is set to undergo a facelift, and it's going to cost you both in your weekend drive and in the government's stimulus funds.

The \$7.4-million project — half of which was paid for by the Canadian government's stimulus program — won't affect workday commutes, but only one lane will be open on the bridge between 7 p.m. on Friday, June 18 and 5:30 a.m. on June 21.

All but one lane will be closed again between the same times on June 25 to June 28.

These weekend closures are required to repair and replace expansion joints on the bridge. Further closures will likely occur, but dates have not yet been confirmed.

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DRUGS A 21-year-old man was arrested on drug-trafficking charges after RCMP officers searched his Beaver Bank home Wednesday night. Police said they found a pound of marijuana, seven grams of cocaine and 10 more bags of marijuana, scales, a large amount of cash, and a bulletproof vest. Stephen Meade was arrested and was set to appear in a Dartmouth court Thursday. METRO HALIFAX

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A public-private coalition has been formed to lead the effort to raise money and build a new rail-only tunnel between Detroit and Windsor, Ont. The new \$400-million tunnel, projected to open in 2015, would accommodate double-stacked containers and multi-level rail cars used by shippers and automakers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Bank Machines are starting to get personal with their customers. The next generation of ATMs will have live tellers streamed via video on their screens. They are being used by financial institutions as they extend their hours and try to save costs. One goal of the video teller: Asking questions about services customers may need. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

A 'cascading series of errors'

Ex-judge's Air India report blasts Ottawa, RCMP, CSIS

The bomb blast that killed 329 people aboard Air India Flight 182 could have been prevented but for a "cascading series of errors" by authorities, a damning report on the disaster concludes.

The report says government, RCMP and CSIS should have known the flight was a terrorist target.

Former Supreme Court justice John Major, who headed an exhaustive inquiry, says agencies were not prepared for the threat of terror attacks — and holes in the security systems still need plugging.

Atlantic horror

- Air India Flight 182 blew up over the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland on June 23, 1985, killing all 329 people aboard, 280 of them Canadians.

"The level of error, incompetence, and inattention which took place before the flight was sadly mirrored in many ways for many years," Major said.

His No. 1 recommendation is beefed-up powers for the national security adviser. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toronto Look Mom, a human oil slick



A demonstrator wearing a giant papier mache head of Prime Minister Stephen Harper leads protesters covered in cocoa and vegetable oil — to resemble a human oil slick — through Toronto's financial district during a protest organized by Oxfam Canada on Thursday. The action was centred on the spending for the upcoming G8 and G20 summits.

Lotto winner says: Don't be a loser

WINDFALL A Lotto Max jackpot winner has some advice for any winners of Friday night's record \$95 million treasure trove:

Don't go on a wild spending spree or change your life too much.

Donald Macdonald, 78, from Oakville, Ont., won a \$10-million jackpot in March.

"Try not to change your way of life," he said.

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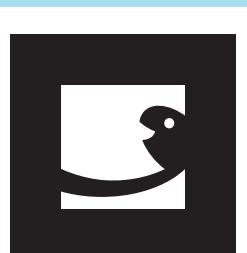
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G(irls)20 rep aims to be 'voice of hope'

SUMMIT Girls from all the G20 countries are gathering in Toronto this week for the first G(irls)20 Summit to show what the world would be like if they were in charge.

The summit is part of an international campaign called 3.3 Billion Ways, which is led by the Belinda Stronach Foundation.

Metro Canada asked participants how they think the world's greatest challenges can best be solved.

Here's Nomathemba Sibanyoni, 19, of South Africa.

What do you believe are the biggest challenges for women and girls in your country?

ATeenage pregnancy under poverty conditions. Leaders can encourage and assure the enhancement, availability and implementation of educational workshops and campaigns especially targeting disadvantaged areas.



Nomathemba Sibanyoni, 19, of South Africa

What do you do to help the lives of girls and women in your community, your country?

Iengage myself in various social empowerment projects, including writing and presenting poems and speeches in issues related to women, I become their voices of hope.

How do you think we can improve maternal health worldwide?

A I believe certain diseases are preventable, provided people know the

precautions. In a global sense, maternal health can be prevented and cured by raising health awareness campaigns.

How can we eradicate extreme poverty and hunger worldwide?

Agriculture and proper land management is the best possible solution that can be implemented and be moderated for communities who are attacked by extreme poverty and hunger.

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Suncor cleanup plan gets Alberta's OK

Giant company plans to invest \$1 billion

Alberta's energy regulator has given its thumbs-up to Suncor Energy Inc's plan to handle waste from its massive oilsands operations near Fort McMurray, Alta.

"This is great news and a significant milestone in addressing one of the greatest reclamation challenges in oilsands mining," said Kirk Bailey, Suncor's executive vice-president of oilsands.

Suncor's plan is the third to be approved since the province's Energy Resources Conservation Board ordered oilsands miners to clean up their tailings ponds — enormous lakes water, clay, sand and bitumen left behind after crude has been extracted.

Calgary-based Suncor, Canada's largest energy company, plans to invest more than \$1 billion on technology to shorten the time it takes for fine clay particles to settle.

"This is great news and a significant milestone in addressing one of the greatest reclamation challenges in oilsands mining."

Kirk Bailey,
Suncor executive VP

In the past, it has taken several decades for mature fine tailings to separate.

But in Suncor's Tailings Reduction Operations, or TRO, process, the substance dries out in a matter of weeks. Vegetation can then be planted over the dry material.

Tailings ponds gained worldwide notoriety in 2008, when 1,600 waterfowl died after landing on a giant lake at Syncrude Canada Ltd.'s oilsands mine.

The ERCB estimates tail-

ings ponds today contain about 840 million cubic metres of fluid and cover about 170 square kilometres.

In a release, the ERCB said TRO will allow Suncor to reduce the volume of fluid tailings by 30 per cent.

"Suncor's plan does not include the creation of any new tailings ponds and will actually allow Suncor to operate five fewer tailings ponds and use less space for fluid tailings storage than originally applied for," said the ERCB release.

In April, the ERCB approved plans for Syncrude, the world's largest oil-sands project, and Fort Hills, a yet-to-be developed mine operated by Suncor.

The regulator is still reviewing plans for Royal Dutch Shell's Albion Sands mine, as well as projects operated by Canadian Natural Resources, Imperial Oil and Shell Canada.

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Ottawa gives First Nations an HST break

TAX The federal government says Ontario can allow First Nations people to have a point of sale exemption on the harmonized sales tax.

First Nations in Ontario have been exempt from

the provincial sales tax for decades, and were threatening road closures during the G8/G20 summits if they didn't get an HST exemption.

Ontario's Liberal government blamed Ottawa for not allowing the exemption.

But Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says Ontario failed to ask for the exemption by the original deadline of June 30, 2009.

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Times Square bomb suspect Faisal Shahzad has been indicted in the May 1 botched car bombing in New York. An indictment filed in New York Thursday charges Shahzad with 10 terrorism and weapons charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Palin ridiculed, again

Remarks on oil spill cleanup derided as erroneous

She's blamed environmentalists for helping cause the catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, accused U.S. President Barack Obama of using the oil spill to raise energy prices and urged the White House to contact the Dutch because "they are known for dikes."

Sarah Palin — the guiding light of the founding Tea Party movement whose energy mantra is “drill, baby, drill” — is back in the U.S. spotlight in the midst of the worst environmental disaster in American history. And Democrats are likely grateful for it.

Even Bill O'Reilly of Fox News, the cable news giant that gave the self-styled hockey mom her own show and frequently uses her as a commentator, seemed taken aback earlier this week

Kevin Costner

- Actor Kevin Costner says having BP use his company's device to help clean up the Gulf oil spill is “not a Hollywood ending for me.” BP has contracted with Costner and Ocean Therapy Solutions to use 32 of the centrifuge machines designed to separate oil from water. The actor has invested more than \$24 million to develop the devices.

when he interviewed the rambling Palin following Obama's address to the U.S. about the spill.

He pressed the former Alaska governor, considered well-versed in energy issues, to explain what she'd do to plug the gusher several kilometres beneath the surface of the Gulf of Mexico that's defied all hu-

man efforts to stop it for the past two months.

“The Dutch,” said Palin, who insisted the Obama administration was refusing help from foreign governments. “They are known, and the Norwegians. They are known for ... for dikes and for cleaning up water and for dealing with spills.”

In fact, it was noted following her interview, many foreign nations are contributing to the efforts to combat the gusher, including the Norwegians and the Dutch — although in the early days of the spill, when oil giant BP was wildly underestimating the extent of the spill, their offer to help was declined.

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Mining disaster in Colombia

EXPLOSION Colombia's president says an explosion at a coal mine has killed at least eight people and trapped 72.

President Alvaro Uribe said initial indications are that an accumulation of methane gas caused the blast in the San Fernando mine in his home province of Antioquia. Officials said the explosion Wednesday night caused the collapse of an access tunnel that is 2,000 metres long and drops to a depth of 150 metres.

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Convictions overturned in child sex club case

TEXAS Two men accused of grooming children as young as five to perform in sex shows at a small-town swinger's club in Texas will get new trials after a state appeals court Thursday found errors in their original proceedings.

The convictions of Patrick (Booger Red) Kelly, 43, and Jamie Pittman, 38, were overturned by a Court of Appeals in Houston. A jury convicted Kelly in 2008 of engaging in organized criminal activity. Pittman was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child. Both were sentenced to life in prison.

Authorities allege Kelly helped set up a “kindergarten” where young children learned to dance provocatively at the so-called Mineola Swinger's Club. To help them perform, prosecutors said the children were given Vicodin-like drugs the adults

passed off as “silly pills.”

Kelly has maintained his innocence. The three-judge appeals panel agreed Thursday with his contention that he was not allowed to present a complete defence. The court also said the record in Kelly's case was “rife with error.”

The panel wrote that Kelly deserves a new trial because of “numerous evidentiary errors by the trial court and improper closing argument by the State.”

Bingham acknowledged the finding that his lead prosecutor on the case, Joe Murphy, asked some questions he shouldn't have. In Pittman's case, the appeals court said “prejudicial evidence” of other alleged sexual offences were wrongly allowed at trial. Pittman's attorney did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

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Lesotho Prince rides in



Prince Harry rides into the remote village of Semonkong, Lesotho. The prince visited a school Thursday for local herd boys opened by Sentebale, a charity he co-founded for disadvantaged youngsters in the southern African nation.

News in brief

HAITI Former U.S. president Bill Clinton announced a plan Thursday to help Haiti recover from the Jan. 12 earthquake with loans to small and medium-size businesses backed by aid from the world's richest

man. Clinton said Mexico's Carlos Slim would contribute half the seed money for the new \$20-million fund. The other half would come from Canadian businessman Frank Giustra. Both men were with Clinton at

a news conference in Port-au-Prince to announce the fund, which is expected to grow from additional contributions over time. Money from the fund will be loaned to businesses that otherwise

might not have access to capital in a nation that was already desperately poor before the earthquake that killed an estimated 300,000 people and destroyed about 105,000 homes.

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Something to chew on

Independent watchdog needed to monitor RCMP

Urban Compass

Stephen Kimber



The Harper government's proposal to replace the current, guns-only Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP with a new, baby-toothed civilian watchdog agency is better than nothing. But not by much.

The new agency will have power to force witnesses to appear and testify, but will need to get the justice minister's OK to initiate investigations. And there are Mack-truck-sized loopholes permitting the Mounties to withhold information.

Former complaints commissioner Shirley Heafey asks: "Where is the really big change that is going to make a difference in RCMP accountability across the country?" And answers: "I

don't see it." The new agency, of course, will also do nothing to resolve several ongoing, high-profile complaints, including one about the 2008 death of Nova Scotian John Simon on the Wagmatcook re-

profile complaints, including one Const. Jeremy Frenette shot and killed Simon, who was alone inside his house at the time, drunk and reserve."

On Dec. 2, 2008, RCMP Const. Jeremy Frenette shot and killed Simon, who was alone inside his house at the time, drunk and reserve."

Frenette claimed Simon — who was sitting on the toilet smoking a cigarette when he first slipped into the house — ran to the kitchen and grabbed a rifle. The officer fired three times, killing Simon. The

rifle, which other witnesses didn't see, wasn't loaded.

The Mounties asked Halifax Regional Police to investigate. But its investigation was anything but arm's length.

Gary Richard, the lawyer for the Wagmatcook First Nation, recently released emails he says show the Mounties were in the loop on the investigation and may have even influenced its final outcome. He also provided transcripts of interviews with potential witnesses whose evidence appears to have been ignored. Richard's conclusion? The Halifax police department's report was "incomplete and even, in some respects, indifferent."

The current commis-

sioner for Complaints Against the RCMP, under pressure from First Nations groups, finally initiated his own probe this winter. But the commission's powers are severely proscribed.

Hence, the need to replace it.

Hence, the need for a provincial public inquiry.

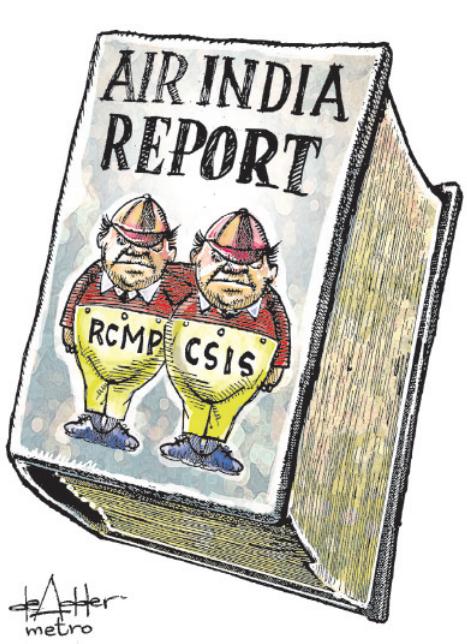
Nova Scotia Justice Minister Ross Landry, a 34-year RCMP veteran, refuses to call one.

But he does recognize the current police-investigate-police system is not the answer. Last fall, he, too, announced plans for new legislation to create our own "independent" provincial unit to investigate allegations of police misconduct.

But that legislation won't be introduced until this fall. And it won't look at old cases.

We need an independent inquiry — with teeth now.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.



MICHAEL DEADERICK

Quote of the Day

"The level of error, incompetence, and inattention which took place before the flight was sadly mirrored in many ways for many years, in how authorities, governments, and institutions dealt with the aftermath."

— SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JOHN MAJOR, AS HE RELEASED HIS MASSIVE, FIVE-VOLUME REPORT THURSDAY ON THE 1985 AIR INDIA BOMBING THAT KILLED ALL 329 PEOPLE ON BOARD.

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Billionaire activist investor Carl Icahn has increased his grip on Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. but still doesn't have a majority of its shares, following months of campaigning to take control of the film and TV producer. Icahn says his stake in the company will rise to 31.8 per cent once he purchases the shares tendered in his ongoing battle to gain control. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business

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Microsoft partners with non-profit to fight identity theft

CYBERCRIME A new program being spearheaded by Microsoft Corp. is designed to provide a trusted way for researchers to report stolen credit card numbers

and other data they've found in the dark corners of the Internet.

The new program is being managed by the National Cyber-Forensics &

Training Alliance, a non-profit organization that focuses on cybercrime and has law enforcement agencies as members. The American Bankers Associa-

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Las Vegas Making a splash



Virgin Atlantic president Sir Richard Branson rides a jet ski with flight attendant Victoria Lewis in front of the Bellagio resort in Las Vegas on Wednesday. Branson was in town to celebrate the 10th anniversary of non-stop service to Las Vegas from Gatwick Airport in London.

MP wants to unlock phones

Hot on the heels of Apple announcing it will sell unlocked iPhones in Canada, an NDP MP has introduced a resolution that would force cellphone carriers to do the same with all the devices they sell.

Bruce Hyer, the MP for Thunder Bay-Superior North, on Thursday, tabled Bill C-560, the cellphone freedom act. The bill proposes three rules: Cellphone carriers

free of charge at any point after the conclusion of the customer's service contract; and they would have to remove it if the customer does not enter into a contract within six months of buying the device up front.

"Mobile phone customers should have the freedom to choose whether they want to be locked into a company's cell network or not," Hyer said in a statement.

Hyer also launched a "Don't Lock My Freedom" website in conjunction with the bill.

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Part of the plan

- Canada's major wireless carriers typically sell mobile devices locked to their network on top of multi-year contracts. Some carriers have said this is to ensure that the devices work properly on their network, so they can support them if problems occur.

LABOUR Gammon Gold Inc. says it has fired 397 workers at one of its Mexican mines and it will file criminal charges against seven union executives. The Halifax-headquartered miner says it experienced illegal labour disruptions at the mine and financial demands from the union that Gammon describes as "untenable." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Sports



Woolstencroft retiring

Just a few months after dominating the 2010 Paralympics, skier Lauren Woolstencroft, left, has decided to retire. The 28-year-old from North Vancouver, B.C., won five gold medals at the Vancouver Games. She says it was a hard decision but it's time to move on with her life. Woolstencroft was born with no legs below the knee and no left arm.

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Habs trade playoff hero

Canadiens send goaltender Halak to Blues for prospects

The Montreal Canadiens have made their goaltending choice — Carey Price stays and playoff hero Jaroslav Halak is off to the St. Louis Blues.

The Canadiens dealt Halak for two young forward prospects Thursday, even though the 25-year-old usurped Price as their starting goaltender late in the NHL season and played brilliantly in leading them to a berth in the Eastern Conference final.

In return, Montreal got centre Lars Eller, who may be ready to play next season, and rugged winger Ian Schultz from the junior Calgary Hitmen, who will likely need seasoning in the minors.

Canadiens general manager Pierre Gauthier called it a "big picture decision," in which the team's scouts and managers opted for the long-term potential of the 22-year-old Price, the fifth overall draft pick of 2005, over the more immediate success from the 25-year-old Halak.

Halak was the Canadiens' player of the year in 2009-10, when he went 26-13-5 and was fifth among NHL goalies in save percentage at .940 and ninth in goals-against average at 2.40. Price was 13-20-5 with a 2.77 average and a .912 save percentage.

Both goaltenders are due to become restricted free agents July 1, with Halak holding the right to salary arbitration, but Gauthier didn't try to work out a



Jaroslav Halak became a hero for the Montreal Canadiens during the playoffs, where he set a team record with 53 regulation-time stops in a 4-1 victory over Washington as the Canadiens came back from a 3-1 deficit to beat the first-place Capitals in the opening round.

Trade has Habs fans singing the Blues

• The trade was widely panned by Habs fans on Twitter and other websites within minutes of its completion. Most felt Carey Price should have been dealt and, if not, the team should have received more for the goalie who was the main reason Montreal upset Washington and

Pittsburgh in the playoffs. A "shame," a "nightmare," and "April Fool's in June" were among the comments posted on one website. In the House of Commons in Ottawa, Liberal MP Justin Trudeau said, "What? Halak for two hockey sticks and a bag of magic beans?"

deal once the team decided to make a trade.

He could have kept both, but Halak indicated in a conference call that would have left both unhappy.

"I think they did the best thing they could do —

keep one goalie and give the other one a chance to play most of the season," Halak said from Slovakia.

"It's best for everyone that I was dealt and can start on a new beginning."

St. Louis made the trade

after informing veteran goalie Chris Mason they would not attempt to sign him to a new contract.

Halak earned \$800,000 US last season and is due for a big raise.

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To the bitter end: Lakers outlast Celtics for title

(Lakers win series 4-3)

Celtics 79 Lakers 83

NBA The Los Angeles Lakers have won their 16th NBA championship, dramatically rallying from a fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Boston Celtics 83-79 Thursday night in Game 7 of the NBA finals.

Kobe Bryant scored 23 points despite 6-of-24

shooting while winning his fifth title with the Lakers, who repeated as NBA champions for the first time since winning three straight from 2000-02.

Ron Artest added 20 points for the Lakers, who just couldn't finish the final quarter of a remarkable playoff run after a fourth-place finish in the Eastern Conference.

Yet they reclaimed the lead midway through the fourth quarter and hung on with big shots from Pau Gasol and Artest.

With their fifth title in 11 seasons, the Lakers

moved one championship behind Boston's 17 banners for the overall NBA lead.

Paul Pierce had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics, who just couldn't

finish the final quarter of a remarkable playoff run after a fourth-place finish in the Eastern Conference. Kevin Garnett added 17 points, but Boston flopped in two chances to clinch the series in Los Angeles after winning Game 5 back home.

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Weir off to good start at U.S. Open

GOLF Mike Weir popped the ball out of the rough, watched it hit the green and fall in the hole for a birdie on No. 16 and possessed of the U.S. Open lead.

Too bad momentum at Pebble Beach on Thursday lasted about as long as it took to get to the next tee box. The Bright's Grove, Ont., native followed his great shot with a bogey-bogey finish to wind up at 1-under 70. He is tied for the lead with K.J. Choi and Rafael Cabrera-Bello.

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Looking for a repeat

Chow aiming for 2nd straight mid-amateur win

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Trevor Chow can't afford a slow start at the Nova Scotia Golf Association's mid-amateur championship on Friday. Not if he plans on winning his second straight title.

"For me, it's about getting off to a good start and getting confidence because I haven't had many good rounds this year," the 33-year-old Ashburn golfer said.

Chow, who claimed his first provincial crown of any kind by winning last year's mid-amateur at the Chester Golf Club, hasn't had as much time to hit the links since last year's triumph.

The arrival of his first child last August and commitments to his job as an investment adviser at Scotia McLeod have given him less time to work on his game. He estimates he's been out about a dozen times since April.

"My game isn't where I'd like it to be, but it actually wasn't very good last year until I went to the mid-am," the Baddeck native said. "I'm hoping it will be a replay of last year."

Last year, he fired solid rounds of 71 and 74 through 36 holes. He had a four-stroke lead and was declared champion when the event was rained out on the final day.

If he can avoid early trouble, he could be among the frontrunners once again.

"Each round, I've just sort of been giving away easy shots here and there, whether it's a couple of three-putts or just hitting one into the woods," he said. "I think my game is



Trevor Chow is out to defend his Nova Scotia Golf Association mid-amateur championship this weekend.

Past champs

- Past Nova Scotia Golf Association men's mid-amateur champions.
- 2009 — Trevor Chow, Ashburn
- 2008 — Aaron Nickerson, River Hills
- 2007 — Jody Swim, River Hills
- 2006 — Rob Collins, Clare
- 2005 — Rob Collins, Clare
- 2004 — David Shupe, Ashburn
- 2003 — Gary Carter, Amherst
- 2002 — Mel Murray, Fredericton, N.B.
- 2001 — Gerry MacMillan, Paragon
- 2000 — Gerry MacMillan, Paragon

getting close."

This year's event will be held on the 6,164-yard, par-72 layout at the Greenwood Golf Club in Greenwood, Kings Co. Fellow past champions Aaron Nickerson and Jody Swim, both of River Hills, also highlight the field, among many other challengers.

The top four finishers qualify for the national mid-amateur from Aug. 16 to 20 in Gatineau, Que.

"Expectations for any tournament are to win so that's what I'm looking for," he said. "But there's a strong field and a lot of good players, so winning is never easy."

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Enfield's Shawn Turple

won his first tour title last year and is back to defend it.



Shawn Turple

He'll face stiff competition from fellow past champions Shawn Tucker of Fredericton, N.B.; John Flemming of

Halifax; and Wayne Smith of Timberlea.

Tucker, Flemming and Smith, along with Lonnie Sommerville of Saint John, N.B., were last year's top five finishers.

The tour hasn't had a repeat winner since Flemming won back-to-back crowns in 2002 and 2003.

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Sports in brief

NBA Samuel Dalembert got his wish. The Philadelphia 76ers traded him to the Sacramento Kings on Thursday for Andres Nocioni and Spencer Hawes. Dalembert, of Montreal, asked

for a trade last year because he was unhappy with his role.

NHL The Phoenix Coyotes have re-signed defenceman Adrian Aucoin to a two-year contract. Financial terms of the deal

weren't released Thursday. Aucoin, 36, had eight goals and 20 assists while playing in all 82 regular-season games for Phoenix last season.

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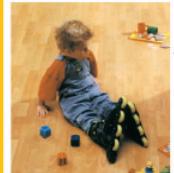
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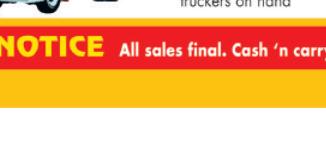
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World Cup

With Buffon out, it's Marchetti's time to shine

ITALY It's easy to believe Italy's new starting goalkeeper when he says he has luck on his side.

Federico Marchetti had already lost his two best friends to auto accidents when he and two teammates at fourth division side Pro Vercelli emerged uninjured from an auto accident themselves five

years ago.

"When you stare death in the face, it leaves something inside you," Marchetti said Thursday. "It's tough to describe. It was a terrible experience but one that I'll never forget."

The accident inspired Marchetti to live each day as it comes and take advantage of his chances.

Since the accident, Marchetti has climbed his way to the top division and become a member of Italy's national team.

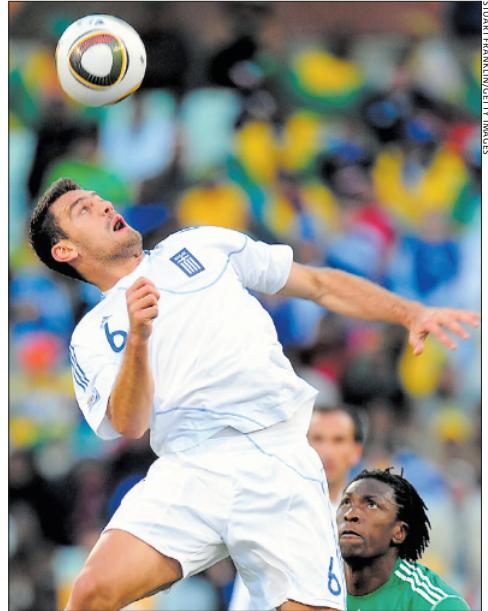
Now, with first-choice goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon out due to a herniated disk, the 27-year-old Marchetti has the biggest chance of his life in Sunday's World Cup match

against New Zealand.

"I'm sure my friends are watching me from up above and that they'll be pleased for me," said Marchetti, who wears the names of his deceased friends in a tattoo on one arm, with a Hail Mary on the other. "I'm convinced someone is watching out for me." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

French channel offers horn-free TV
A French cable TV channel is offering vuvuzela-free broadcasts for all matches at the World Cup, using frequency-separating technology to block out the trumpets' buzzing drone while letting other sounds come through. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Alexandros Tziolis of Greece jumps for a header beside Nigeria's Dickson Etuhu during Thursday's Group B match.

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GROUP B RESULTS

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Now that Greece has scored a goal and won a match, this World Cup is a success.

The Greeks claimed their first World Cup win by rallying to beat 10-man Nigeria 2-1 in Group B Thursday.

"We badly wanted this, because we'd never even scored a goal in the World Cup before."

Dimitris Salpingidis

Vassilis Torosidis poked home a loose ball in the 71st minute after a mistake from Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama to make history for Greece, which had lost all four previous World Cup matches, including three in 1994.

"We badly wanted this, because we'd never even scored a goal in the World

Cup before," Dimitris Salpingidis said. "I can't say whether we'll make it out of the group. But I can say that we'll leave with our heads held high."

To advance to the second round, the Greeks almost certainly must get at least a draw with powerful Argentina Tuesday; the Argentines routed South Korea 4-1 Thursday and the Koreans took Greece 2-0 earlier in the tournament. A difficult assignment for sure.

So they are revelling in this victory.

"Of course it would have been a shame to go home without a point, so we're very pleased to have scored points here," Greece coach Otto Rehhagel said.

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Sports in brief

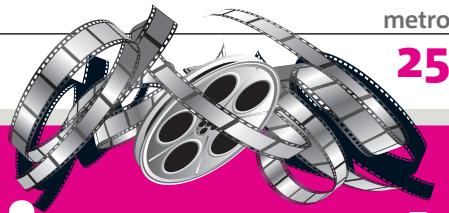
CRITICISM Former coach Luis Aragonés has criticized Spain's tactics after a 1-0 World Cup defeat to Switzerland, adding that a lack of conviction from the start didn't help. Aragonés called the Group H loss "a tough blow" for one of the tournament favourites.

BECKHAM David Beckham shared a philosophical

moment at the World Cup with retired Cape Town Archbishop Desmond Tutu. According to a statement issued by the Desmond Tutu Peace Center, the two chatted over tea Thursday at Tutu's office. Beckham is quoted as telling Tutu he was disappointed not to be playing in this year's World Cup.

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Eclipse is coming, and over the next few weeks, Metro will have all the vampire and werewolf news you can sink your teeth into.

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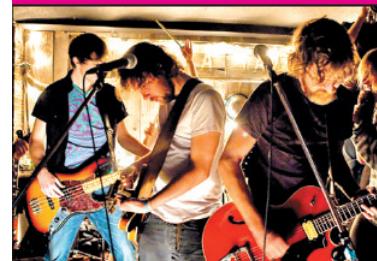
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Running with werewolf pack

Canadian actor Houseman reprises role in Eclipse

LINA TOYODA
for Metro Canada

Landing your first acting role in a major motion picture, let alone a box office hit, is a rare occurrence that takes perhaps just the right alignment of skill, timing and a few lucky stars.

But that's exactly how things panned out for 20-year-old Canadian actor Tyson Houseman, who caught a break and was cast as Quil Atears in the teen vampire phenomenon known as The Twilight Saga.

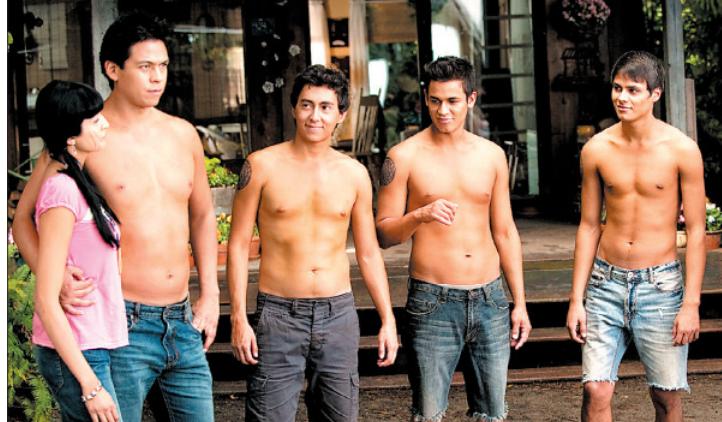
Houseman says he kind of just fell into acting.

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"To be completely honest, I was terrified of the idea of acting but whenever I was actually doing it, I was enjoying myself so much. I could get so comfortable being on stage," says Houseman.

"It was just the anticipation building up to it that completely scared the heck out of me. I think one day I realized I really enjoyed that adrenaline that I got from that fear."

The Edmonton native plays one of the boys of the wolf pack and first appears in New Moon, the second of four parts in the series. He will reprise his role in the third — and highly anticipated



Eclipse, set for worldwide release at the end of the month.

He says his character has a much bigger role in Eclipse and "imprints" on a female in the film, a wolf pack ritual and rite of passage, something along the lines of "love at first sight" and claiming a future mate.

Opportunity knocked soon after he made the move to Vancouver to pursue an acting career after graduating high school.



Edmonton native Tyson Houseman plays a key member of the werewolf pack in The Twilight Saga: Eclipse.

Total Eclipse of Canadians

- Cameron Bright:** In the bloodsucker pecking order, there are vampires and then there are the Volturi. The 17-year-old Victoria native gets to play Alec, one of the ashen sophisticates who make the rules in the vampire world.



- Jodelle Micah Ferland:** Best known for her role in the 2005 horror flick Silent Hill, the 14-year-old Vancouver native bites into the character of Bree Tanner — a vampire created specifically to kill the family of hero Edward Cullen.



"About four months into living in Vancouver I found

this open casting call on Craigslist and they were

looking for people who had a Native American background who were between the ages of 15 and 25 and I was like, 'Yeah I fit that description so why not go check it out.'

Only actors of native descent were cast for members of the wolf pack and Houseman says he feels lucky to have fallen into a character that was similar enough to himself that he could easily relate to.

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Nikki Reed stars as vampire Rosalie in Eclipse.

Reed planning life after Twilight saga

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



Actress, writer and L.A. native Nikki Reed is trying to figure out what to do with her life.

And while she's been enjoying the success of the Twilight franchise — in which she co-stars as vampire Rosalie — she's also been trying to make the most of the global phenomenon.

"It's sometimes difficult to harness all those things and point it in the right direction so that you can get what you want out of this amazing, insane amount of exposure that none of us were really prepared for," she tells Metro.

Of her future, Reed is

On the web



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sure of two things. The first is that she wants to do more than act.

"I know that I'm not going to be sitting at the Four Seasons in 10 years talking about the last however many films I've made and I've only acted in them," she says. And since she got her start as a screenwriter as well as an actress, no one's expecting her to stay in front of the camera.

Quite the opposite, actually. "There's the expectation of, 'Well, you're not just an actress, so what else? What are you going

to deliver?'" she explains. To that end, she's launching a website to collect her other creative pursuits, including photography and directing — Reed recently financed and directed a music video in London for the artist Sage, which she's releasing next month.

"It's just like a place for me to show other aspects of my interests and personality that maybe people wouldn't know," she says of the website.

"Everyone has Twitter and things and they want everyone to know where they're going all the time and what they're doing, and I do understand there's an element of self-promotion, and it's wonderful and that. That's just not really my character."

Just stick to the comic book

Jonah Hex

Director: Jimmy Hayward
Stars: Josh Brolin, Megan Fox, John Malkovich
Classification: 14A
Rating:



REVIEW The best part of Jonah Hex — where the movie really becomes fun — is during a brief sequence at the beginning when a bulk of backstory for Hex (Josh Brolin) is told using animation similar to the comic book on which the movie is based.

That's a really long way of saying go read the comic, and skip this loud, clumsy super-western.

The story follows Hex, who developed mystical powers after some Native Americans saved him from the grave, enlisted by President Ulysses S. Grant (Aidan Quinn) to stop Quentin Turnbull (John Malkovich), a former confederate officer who's hilariously presented as the country's first terrorist.

As lots of dialogue and unnecessary narration reminds us, the mission's personal for Hex, since Turnbull killed his wife and son.

Lots of time and effort was put into getting the massive scars covering half of Hex's face right, which must be why so much of Brolin's screen time is spent in close-ups shot to highlight it.

Perhaps they should've spent a bit more time and effort on making sure he could speak clearly through all the prosthetic work. At one point, Hex dispatches a bad guy and delivers what we have to assume is a witty one-liner. The problem is it's unintelligible.

The real tragedy is the amount of acting talent involved, including Brolin, Malkovich and Michael Fassbender (a breakout in Inglourious Basterds). Megan Fox can't really be faulted, as she's barely in the movie and has very little to do but scowl and heave her chest when she is there.

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Steven Spielberg has lined up top British actors for his upcoming film *War Horse*. Emily Watson, Peter Mullan, David Thewlis and Benedict Cumberbatch have all signed on the dotted line for the First World War epic. [EMPIREONLINE.COM](#)

Spielberg preps War Horse

Movies

Buzz Lightyear and Woody get a new lease on life in *Toy Story 3*.

Toy Story 3 raises game

Toy Story 3**Director:** Lee Unkrich**Stars:** Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Ned Beatty**Classification:** G**Rating:** ½**NED EHRBAR**
Metro World News

A number after a film's title is usually cause for worry, as sequels aren't always the most artistically

inspired creations. The best sequels, in fact, tend to eschew the numbers altogether (like *The Dark Knight*, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Aliens*, for example).

But with the Toy Story franchise, that cause for concern is far from warranted.

Once again, the folks at Pixar have returned to the characters of their first movie, now 15 years past, and come up with an inspired, intelligent and entertaining film expertly straddling the line between kids and adults entertainment.

The latest — and apparently final — instalment finds Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) and the rest of the familiar toys of the first two films fretting over their owner Andy's impending departure to college.

After becoming convinced they're headed for the trash heap, the toys mount an escape that lands them in the apparent Shangri-La of a local daycare centre, where the toy world is overseen by a deceptively cuddly old teddy bear (Ned Beatty).

While kids will certainly enjoy the movie, don't be surprised to find most of the adult audience needing tissues.

The only real criticism of the movie is that, like almost everything else being released by a major studio this year, it's available in 3-D.

Don't bother. The visuals are spectacular enough without it, and the technology doesn't add enough to warrant the higher ticket price.

- For a trailer of *Toy Story 3*, photos and screen times, visit [metronews.ca/movies](#)

Movie morsels**The Karate Kid**

REVIEW To anyone alive in the 1980s, the Karate Kid legend is a familiar one. In this reboot, Jaden Smith (son of Will and Jada) stars in the role Ralph Macchio made a Reagan era icon. The story's been freshened

by a move to Beijing but the filmmakers wisely kept the underdog coming-of-age tale front and centre. Smith is the film's centerpiece. He's not going to win an Academy Award for this one, but he capably carries a great deal of the movie on his 12-year-old back.

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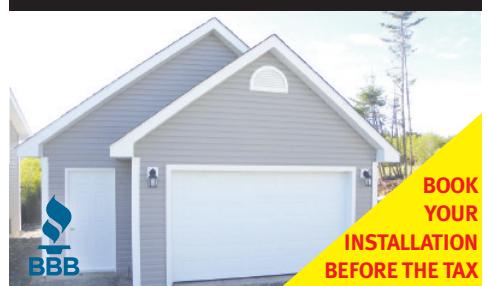
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Jaden Smith, left, gets some tough love and training from Jackie Chan in *The Karate Kid*.

Knight and Day (STC) No Passes, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 3:45-10-9:40

Please Give (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:10-11:20 Stadium Seating Sun 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10

Rush: Beyond the Lighted Stage (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:30-4:10-7:20-11:40 Stadium Seating Sun 1:30-4:10-7:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:40-7:20

Sex and the City 2 (14) Stadium Seating Fri 12:30-3:45-7:30 Stadium Seating Sat 12:30-3:45-7:30-11 Stadium Seating Sun 12:30-3:45-7:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 3:45-7:30

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Bradley Cooper, left, and Liam Neeson star in *The A-Team*.

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Music

After the heartbreak

Personal struggles fuel Sarah McLachlan album

For the past seven years, Sarah McLachlan has largely remained silent while her personal life turned public and she sought to endure the breakup of her marriage.

This week marks the release of *Laws of Illusion*, the Vancouver-based songstress' first album of new material since 2003's *Afterglow*.

And if it seems as though the lovelorn lyrics on the oft-wrenching record were inspired by real-life events, it's because they pretty much were.

McLachlan says her personal struggles fuelled her work — once she got around to dealing with them directly.

"There's creative licence, but certainly, the emotional rollercoaster of the past couple years played heavily," McLachlan said in a telephone interview.

"I find it very difficult to write, typically, when I'm happy. It's a fleeting, light-hearted experience and you don't want to analyze it because I'm sure you'll find something wrong with it if you look hard enough.

"Whereas when you're sad, or heartbroken, or angry, that's meaty, visceral stuff. You can really sink your teeth into it. And there's a lot of good juicy bits to grab hold of and dis-



Laws of Illusion is the first new album in seven years from Vancouver-based songstress Sarah McLachlan.

sect and figure out."

McLachlan split with drummer Ashwin Sood, her husband of 11 years, two years ago. They have two daughters: eight-year-old India and Taja, who turns three next week.

As she tried to recover and take care of two children as a newly single mother, McLachlan didn't find herself immediately compelled to sit down and write about the pain she was going through.

"My world sort of fell apart, and I just had to

work to figure out what the heck I was going to do next," she said.

Once the 42-year-old began writing — which she did, in earnest, in March of last year — she found that the ideas flowed.

Opening track *Awakenings* is a distorted rush, with ear-candy electronics adding texture to a nakedly emotional rant.

The clatter mostly fades out in time for McLachlan's key final pronouncement: "I'm not the girl I was but what have I become? I'm

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not so willing anymore to bend/Still pleasing and conceding/But I'm not gonna lose myself again."

"It opens the record for a reason for me," McLachlan says of the track. "It's meant to sort of encompass the mood of what's to come."

McLachlan professes to have a tough time analyzing her own music, even though she's able to describe the feelings behind each song more clearly and directly than most artists.

So when she's asked how the past years — so fraught with personal turmoil — have changed her, she pauses.

"God, I hope I'm a little bit wiser," she says. "I certainly feel like I've been through the wringer the past couple years. And I feel like, all these experiences, good and bad, are where we grow — especially the hard times. That's where you find out what you're really made of."

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Interesting releases for the summer of 2010

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Stone Temple Pilots

S/T (Out Now): Loaded with hooks and that STP guitar crunch, this record was a real pleasant surprise. Maybe this second act is for real.

Two Door Cinema Club

Tourist History (Out now): Imagine a smoother sounding Franz Ferdinand and from Northern Ireland instead of Scotland. When I first heard the single *I Can Talk*, it stayed in my head for days.

Stars

The Five Ghosts (Tuesday): One of the prettiest records I've heard so far this year comes from this Montreal band and Broken Social Scene associates. Their pre-release cross-Canada club tour in May sold out immediately — which tells you something about the anticipation for this CD.

Delphic

Acolyte (June 29): I've been raving about the smooth, dance-y indietronica from these Manchester guys for almost a year now. Songs like *Doubt* and *Counterpoint* deserve to be heard by as many people as possible.

Arcade Fire

The Suburbs (Aug. 3): Easily one of the most anticipated albums of the year, indie or major. Did I mention they're playing Madison Square Garden this summer?

Disturbed

Asylum (August): The fifth album from this Chicago band has already been preceded by a single called *Another Way to Die*. Singer David Draiman: "No songs about puppy dogs or rainbows here."

Filter

The Trouble with Angels (August): If the lead single *The Inevitable Relapse* is any indication Richard Patrick may have regained the mojo that he lost sometime in the late 90s.

Brandon Flowers

Flamingo (September): The Killers front dude — an incurable workaholic, apparently — has a solo album coming this fall while the rest of the band takes a break. Listen for a lead single called *Crossfire*.

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Contenders for the Polaris

The Polaris Music Prize has released its long list of 40 contenders.

The honour is handed out to an artist or band for releasing the best Canadian album of the year and includes a \$20,000 prize.

The long list includes well-known rock bands like Blue Rodeo, Broken Social Scene and Tegan and Sara, as well as some more underground indie acts such as Ghostkeeper, Karkwa and South Rakkas Crew.

The short list of 10 albums will be revealed on July 6.

The winner will be debated by a jury and announced on Sept. 20.

The full long list:

Apollo Ghosts — Mount Benson (Vancouver)

Bahamas — Pink Strat (Toronto)

The Besnard Lakes — The Besnard Lakes Are The Roaring Night (Montreal)



Broken Social Scene is one of 40 Canadian musicians on the long list for the Polaris Music Prize.

Blue Rodeo — The Things We Left Behind (Toronto)

Brasstronaut — Mt. Chimaera (Vancouver)

Broken Social Scene — Forgiveness Rock Record (Toronto)

Basia Bulat — Heart Of My Own (London)

By Divine Right — Mutant Message (Toronto)

Caribou — Swim (Dundas)

Jason Collett — Rat A Tat Tat (Toronto)

Crystal Castles — Crystal Castles (II) (Toronto)

Amelia Curran — Hunter Hunter (Halifax)

Fred Fortin — Plaster La Lune (Montreal)

Frog Eyes — Paul's Tomb: A Triumph (Victor-

ria)

Hannah Georgas — This Is Good (Vancouver)

Ghostkeeper — Ghostkeeper (Calgary)

Holy F— — Latin (Toronto)

Karkwa — Les Chemins De Verre (Montreal)

Le HARVeY OsMOND — A Quiet Evil (Hamilton)

Greg MacPherson — Mr. Invitation (Winnipeg)

Dan Mangan — Nice, Nice, Very Nice (Vancouver)

Misteur Valaire — Golden Bombay (Montreal)

The New Pornographers — Together (Vancouver)

Owen Pallett — Heartland (Toronto)

Plants And Animals — La La Land (Montreal)

Radio Radio — Belmundo Regal (Montreal)

Justin Rutledge — The Early Widows (Toronto)

The Sadies — Darker Circles (Toronto)

Shad — TSOL (London)

Elizabeth Shepherd — Heavy Falls The Night

(Toronto)

The Slew — 100% (Montreal)

Meaghan Smith — The Cricket's Orchestra (London)

South Rakkas Crew — The Stimulus Package (Toronto)

Tegan And Sara — Saint-hood (Vancouver)

The Wooden Sky — If I

Don't Come Home You'll Know I'm Gone (Toronto)

Hawksley Workman — Meat (Huntsville)

You Say Party! We Say Die! — XXXX (Vancouver)

Young Galaxy — Invisible Republic (Montreal)

Yukon Blonde — Yukon Blonde (Vancouver)

Zeus — Say Us (Toronto)

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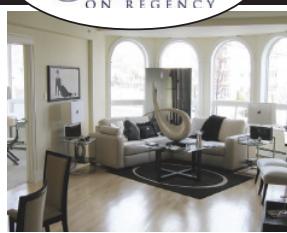


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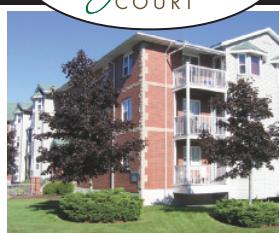
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Betty White returns to familiar sitcom territory in the new TV Land series, Hot in Cleveland.

White Hot

A It's a sitcom about four single women of a certain age, portrayed by an ensemble that includes Betty White.

Hot in Cleveland, which debuts this week on TV Land, is not officially The Golden Girls redux. But the similarities don't end with the set up. Just as White shared top billing with three golden character actresses, she now works with another trio of established comedy veterans: Valerie Bertinelli (One Day at a Time); Jane Leeves (Frasier); and Wendie Malick (Just Shoot Me!).

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For June 17th

Miley Cyrus - Can't Be Tamed

Eminem - Not Afraid

Adam Lambert - If I Had You

Jason Derulo - Ridin' Solo

3OH!3 Ft Ke\$ha - My First Kiss

Kardinal Offishal Ft Akon - BodyBounce

B.o.B Ft Hayley Williams & Eminem - Airplanes

Katy Perry Ft Snoop - California Gurls

Drake - Find Your Love

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Q When this script came across your desks and they said it would be on TV Land, did you think, "Huh?"

A Bertinelli: Goodness. When I first heard about it, Betty was already set.

Q When I first heard about this, I thought, "the new millennium's Golden Girls."

A Malick: Silver. The Silver Girls.

Q What do you think of that, Betty? Do you think this is the next generation's Golden Girls?

A White: I think it's chemistry no matter what the age. I think age is the bottom rung. I don't think age matters. ... I'm 88 and a half, and I'm still working my tail off.

Q How is the chemistry different here than it was on The Golden Girls?

New HBO doc drills into natural gas industry

TELEVISION What do you do when a gas company offers nearly \$100,000 US for the right to drill on your land?

If you're Josh Fox, you refuse the money — then make an award-winning documentary portraying the natural gas industry as an environmental menace that ruins water, air and lives.

In Gasland, premiering next Monday night on HBO, Fox presents a frightening scenario in which tens of thousands of

drilling rigs take over the landscape, gas companies exploit legal loopholes to inject toxins into the ground and residents living nearby contract severe, unexplained illnesses.

This isn't some dystopian nightmare, Fox says, but the harsh reality in communities

from Texas to Colorado to Pennsylvania. "People are feeling completely upended," the 37-year-old filmmaker said in an interview at his woodland home near the Pennsylvania-New York border, where gas companies have been leasing thousands of acres of pristine watershed land in anticipation of a drilling boom.

Fox says the natural gas industry is selling the American public a lie. The industry calls Gasland a deeply flawed piece of propaganda.

Whatever the truth, Fox's film arrives at a fraught time. Between the Gulf oil spill and several recent mishaps involving natural gas extraction, the public is focused on energy — and the increasingly complicated ways we are getting it.

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Gasland
premieres
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| 6/18/10 | 31 | 31 | ABC | News Center | World News | Inside Edition | Chronicle | Miley Cyrus in London | Wife Swap | 20/20 | | |
| | 7 | 7 | ASN | The Road to Avonlea | | Canada's Worst Driver | | | | | | |
| | 11 | 11 | CBC | Laughs | World Cup Soccer Match of the Day | | | | | | | |
| | 32 | 32 | CBS | WBZ News (N) | Evening News | Patriots | Jeopardy! (N) | Medium (HDTV) | Flashpoint (N) (DVS) | Stargate Universe "Air" | Caprica | |
| | 6 | 6 | CIEH | Entertainment | ET Canada | ReGenesis | | Friday Night Lights (N) | 90210 | CBC News: The National | Soccer | |
| | 9 | 9 | CJCH | etalk | Access H. | Medium (HDTV) | Flashpoint (DVS) | | | Miami Medical (N) | Miami Medical | |
| | 36 | 36 | FOX | Seinfeld | The Simpsons | Two/Half Men | Two/Half Men | House (HDTV) | The Good Guys (HDTV) | CTV News | Fox First | |
| | 12 | 12 | NBC | News | Nightly News | Access H. | Extra (N) | Friday Night Lights (N) | Dateline NBC (HDTV) (N) | | Fox First | |
| | 55 | 55 | SCOR | Red Heat | Covers | Poker Canada Cup. | | WWE SmackDown! | | | Cup Tonight | |
| | 53 | 53 | TSN | (6) | Golf U.S. Open Championship, Second Round. | (HDTV) From Pebble Beach, Calif. (Live) | | | | | SportsCentre | |
| | 16 | 16 | A&E | American Justice | The First 48 (HDTV) | | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | | | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | Criminal | |
| | 70 | 70 | APTN | APTN National News (N) | Fish Out of Blessings | renegade | Rabbit Fall | | | | Collateral Damage * (2002, Action) | |
| | 37 | 37 | BRVO | Wind at My Back | Spectacle: Elvis | | Bravo!FACT | Camera | | | White Collar "Threads" | Dexter |
| | 49 | 49 | COM | Just for Laughs | Air Force | 22 Minutes | Corner Gas | Corner Gas | The Simpsons | South Park | Comedy Now | |
| | 18 | 18 | CNN | Situation Room | John King, USA (N) | | Campbell Brown (N) | | Larry King Live (N) | Cooper 360 | | |
| | 38 | 38 | DISC | Cash Cab | How It's Made | Daily Planet (N) | Property | House | Canada's Worst Handyman | Unusual | | |
| | 34 | 48 | HGTV | Holmes on Homes | | | House | World's | Relocation, Relocation | House | | |
| | 46 | 46 | HIST | Legends | Legends | Dive Detectives (HDTV) | Jurassic Fight Club | Kelly's Heroes *** (1970, War) | | | | |
| | 17 | 17 | MM | Buffy the Vampire Slayer | Secret Life of American Teen | Pretty Little Liars | 13 Going on 30 *** (2004, Drama) | Pierce Brosnan, Blue Crush *** (2002, Drama) | | | | |
| | 206 | 206 | 206 | PIX | (6) Drop Zone (1994) | (7:50) Grey Owl *** (1999, Drama) | | | | | | |
| | 39 | 39 | SHOW | Trailer Park | Trailer Park | ReGenesis (HDTV) | Maneater (2007, Suspense) | Gary Busey, Ty Wood. | | | Kenny vs. Buy Me | |
| | 40 | 40 | SLICE | Til Debt-Part | Wedding SOS | Rich Bride Poor Bride | Til Debt-Part | Til Debt-Part | Til Debt-Part | Til Debt-Part | Til Debt-Part | |
| | 21 | 21 | 21 | TLC | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Battle |
| | 22 | 22 | 22 | W | House-Sell | House-Sell | Kim | How Clean | The Week the Women Went | The Week the Women Went | The Week the Women Went | Dan Real |
| | 27 | 27 | YTV | iCarly | To Be Indie | Aquamarine *** (2006, Comedy-Drama) | Sara Paxton, Emma Roberts. | | | | Survive This | To Be Indie |

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| 6/19/10 | 31 | 31 | ABC | News Center | World News | Inside Edition | At the Movies | She's the Man *** (2006, Romance-Comedy) | | | Castle | |
| | 7 | 7 | ASN | The Road to Avonlea | (Part 1 of 2) | Music Rising (DVS) | Defying Gravity "H21K" | | | | The Ron Clark Story (2006, Biography) | |
| | 11 | 11 | CBC | National | World Cup Soccer Match of the Day, (HDTV) | | | | | | Africa on the Move (HDTV) | |
| | 32 | 32 | CBS | WBZ News (N) | Evening News | Wheel-Fortune | Jeopardy! | Three Rivers (HDTV) (N) | 48 Hours Mystery | 48 Hours. | | |
| | 6 | 6 | CIEH | Jane Show | renegade | Wide Awake (2007, Drama) Missy Peregrym. | | | True Crime Scene | News Final (N) | | |
| | 9 | 9 | CJCH | W5 (DVS) | Murder 19C: Detective Murdoch Mysteries | Corner Gas | Hiccups | Dan for Mayor | The Simpsons | Chris Rock | Comedy Now! | Comedy Inc. |
| | 36 | 36 | FOX | MLB Baseball | Seinfeld | Cops (N) | Cops | America's Most Wanted | Fox First | | | CTV News |
| | 12 | 12 | NBC | (5:30) Golf U.S. Open Championship, Third Round. (HDTV) From Pebble Beach, Calif. (Live) | | | | | | | | |
| | 55 | 55 | SSCR | MMA Show | Score Today | WWE Vintage Collection | Score Rewind | Cabby Unlimit | Score Now | | Cup Tonight | |
| | 53 | 53 | TSN | (5:30) Golf U.S. Open Championship, Third Round. (HDTV) From Pebble Beach, Calif. (Live) | | | | | | | | |
| | 16 | 16 | A&E | Csi: Miami (HDTV) | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | | | | | |
| | 70 | 70 | APTN | Tears | MTV | Rez Tunez | Aboriginal Day | The Astronaut's Wife (1999, Science Fiction) | | | | |
| | 37 | 37 | BRVO | Arts & Minds | Bravo!Videos | PilgrIMAGE | Star Portraits | Books-Film | Field of Dreams *** (1989, Fantasy) | | | |
| | 49 | 49 | COM | Comedy Now! (DVS) | Corner Gas | Corner Gas | Hiccups | Dan for Mayor | The Simpsons | The Simpsons | Chris Rock | Design School |
| | 18 | 18 | CNN | Situation Room | Newsroom | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | Dads for My Daughters (N) | Larry King Live | Newsroom | Newsroom | Property Shop |
| | 38 | 38 | DISC | Cash Cab | How It's Made | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | Canada's Worst Handyman | Deadliest Catch | | | |
| | 34 | 48 | HGTV | Holmes in New Orleans | Curb/Block | Home to Flip | Flipping Out | Dads for My Daughters (N) | Design School | | | |
| | 46 | 46 | HIST | Aftermath "Red Giant" | Saving Places (N) | Ancient Behaving Badly | American Gangster *** (2007) | Deadliest Catch | Design School | | | |
| | 17 | 17 | MM | Secret Life of American Teen | 13 Going on 30 *** (2004, Romance-Comedy) | | | American Gangster *** (2007) | Muchmusic Countdown | | | |
| | 206 | 206 | 206 | PIX | (6:30) Sixteen Candles (8:10) Out of Time *** (2003, Suspense) | | | | | | | |
| | 39 | 39 | SHOW | (5) Click | About a Girl | ReGenesis (HDTV) | Grizzly Rage (2007, Suspense) | Tyler Hoechlin. | | | | |
| | 40 | 40 | SLICE | Til Debt-Part | Housewives/NYC | Housewives/Atl. | Housewives/NJ | | | | | |
| | 21 | 21 | 21 | TLC | Police Women of Memphis | Mall Cops | Mall Cops | Mall Cops | Mall Cops | Mall Cops | Mall Cops | |
| | 22 | 22 | 22 | W | Hollywood's Best | Beauty Call | Wedding Date (2006, Romance-Comedy) | Jason Biggs. | Licence to Wed (2007, Romance-Comedy) | | | |
| | 27 | 27 | YTV | Kid vs. Kat | League-Evil | Zek'e's Pad | Prank Patrol | Funniest Home Videos | That's-Weird | Prank Patrol | Survive This | |

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| 6/20/10 | 31 | 31 | ABC | News Center | World News | Funnest Home Videos | Extreme Makeover: Home | | | | | |
| | 7 | 7 | 7 | ASN | The Road to Avonlea | Make It or Break It | X2: Men United *** (2003, Fantasy) | Karen Stewart. | | | | |
| | 11 | 11 | 11 | CBC | TBA | World Cup Soccer Match of the Day. (HDTV) | | | | | | |
| | 32 | 32 | 32 | CBS | WBZ News (N) | 60 Minutes (HDTV) (N) | I Get That a Lot | | | | | |
| | 6 | 6 | 6 | CIEH | 16:9-Picture | Carlawood | American Dad | The Simpsons | Cleveland | Family Guy | American Dad | |
| | 9 | 9 | 9 | CJCH | Degrassi: TNG | Degrassi: TNG | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | Scoundrels (N) | Family Guy | American Dad | |
| | 36 | 36 | 36 | FOX | Ice Pests Case "Justice" | Til Death (N) | Tucson | The Simpsons | Cleveland | Family Guy | American Dad | Fox First |
| | 12 | 12 | 12 | NBC | (4) Golf U.S. Open Championship, | Final Round. From Pebble Beach, Calif. | | | | | | |
| | 55 | 55 | 55 | SCOR | Fight Camp - Score Today | The WWE Experience | MMA Fight Night | | | | | |
| | 53 | 53 | TSN | (4) | Golf U.S. Open Championship, | Final Round. From Pebble Beach, Calif. | | | | | | |
| | 16 | 16 | 16 | A&E | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | | | | | |
| | 70 | 70 | APTN | Rising Stars | Performances by Aboriginal stars. | Respect | Aboriginal Day | Live 2010 | | | | |
| | 37 | 37 | BRVO | PilgrIMAGE | Arts & Minds | Bravo!FACT | Spectacle: Elvis | Twisted * (2004, Suspense) | | | | |
| | 49 | 49 | COM | Laughs | Laughs | Hiccups | Dad for Mayor | South Park | | | | |
| | 18 | 18 | 18 | CNN | Newsroom | Newsroom | Dads for My Daughters | Larry King Live | | | | |
| | 38 | 38 | 38 | DISC | Cash Cab | How It's Made | Monster Quake: Survive? | Bermuda Triangle Exposed | | | | |
| | 34 | 48 | 48 | HGTV | Holmes Inspection | Holmes Inspection | Holmes Inspection | Holmes Inspection | | | | |
| | 46 | 46 | 46 | HIST | Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV) | Ice Road Truckers | Braveheart's Scotland | Braveheart (1995, Historical Drama) | | | | |
| | 17 | 17 | 17 | MM | Pretty Little Liars | Pretty Little Liars | Red Carpet | 2010 MuchMusic Video Awards (Live) | | | | |
| | 206 | 206 | 206 | PIX | (6) Patriot Games | Kramer vs. Kramer **** (1973, Drama) | | | | | | |
| | 39 | 39 | 39 | SHOW | 50 First Dates | Pure Pwnage | Intelligence (HDTV) | Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict (2008, Docudrama) | | | | |
| | 40 | 40 | 40 | SLICE | The Millionaire Matchmaker | The Millionaire Matchmaker | Ridge Rich Bride Poor Bride | Wedding SOS | Wedding SOS | Salon | 50 First Dates | |
| | 21 | 21 | 21 | TLC | Extreme Forensics | TV Murders: Fiore-Pressly | Natalie Holloway: Lost | Michael Jackson's Children | Mediums | Mediums | Hush (2005) | |
| | 22 | 22 | 22 | W | Hollywood's Best | Beauty Call | The Week the Women Went | The Week the Women Went | Mediums | Mediums | Mediums | |
| | 27 | 27 | YTV | Mrs. Doubtfire *** (1993, Comedy) | Robin Williams, Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan. | | | | Family Biz | Family Biz | Survive This | |

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Behind the scenes at the MMVAs

KEITH CARMEN
for Metro Canada

The MuchMusic Video Awards are ready to take over Toronto this weekend. But have you ever wondered what it takes to bring viewers one evening of spectacular musical revelry? How about a year's worth of blood, sweat, tears, revised schedules, meetings, permits and more headaches than a migraine convention.

Such are the lives of Sheila Sullivan and Neil Staite, MMVA organizers for the past decade. While we're gawking at co-host Miley Cyrus and watching performances by Ke\$ha, Drake and Justin Bieber, this duo is breathing sighs of relief at seeing the past 12 months come to fruition.

In fact, before the lights

The MMVAs air Sunday night on MuchMusic

cooled down after last year's MMVAs, Sullivan and Staite were already organizing this successor, attaining artists, sourcing local equipment suppliers, budgeting staff, re-routing streetcars and garnering the inevitable permits/policing an event of such magnitude necessitates.

"Planning starts the day after the MMVAs," notes Sullivan in the midst of a dazzling dance of riggers, materials and props that overtake the parking lot at MuchMusic. "We immediately hold a post-mortem on last year's show, seeing what worked, what didn't and how we can make things even better next year."

Passersby begin to see the fruits of such labour four weeks before the event looms as the asphalt becomes abuzz with activity. This year's



Crews set up a stage for the MuchMusic Video Awards.

theme: each stage resembles various culinary gadgets.

"That overhang one's the 'George Foreman,'" Sullivan smiles, pointing to the largest of three stages. "The enclosed one is 'The Microwave,' the one at floor level here is 'The Griddle' and if you look overhead, that platform jutting out is

"The Spatula."

Turning attention to two more aspects, Staite notes that the popular red carpet ceremony has been relocated to MuchMusic's side entrance in order to allow for yet another stage to overtake the infamous intersection at Queen and John streets.

Moreover, in order to en-

sure those at home aren't left out, VJ Liz Trinear will host the online-exclusive backstage Digital Lounge, she quips will "have a bit of everything. I'll be talking to bands on-camera, blogging, tweeting, texting and on my phone."

Of course, the means more technical strategizing. At that, gazing across the

By the numbers

- Presenters: 28
- Attendees: 7,800+ (1,200 parking lot, 600 artist reception, over 6,000 on the street)
- Tallest rigging height: Approximately five storeys/50 feet
- Stages: 5
- Feet of red carpet: 6,500
- Hours for installation: 7,500
- Hours for dismantling: 1,400

dozens of bodies, tonnes of rigging, cables, lights and massive machinery, one is mystified at how the MMVAs come together with perceived ease.

"It's a big chess game requiring lots of meetings to make sure that we do everything in the correct order," Staite sighs. "We have pages and pages of plans ... that are still changing up to the second the show starts. But once it does, it's worth it."

Actor kidnapped, forced to do drugs: Police

ARREST A man has been arrested for allegedly kidnapping actor Jeremy London and forcing him to use drugs, police said Thursday.

A statement from Palm Springs police said London, who appeared on TV's 7th Heaven and Party of Five, was kidnapped while changing a flat tire on June 10.

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Sun TV News sought Mercer

It seems like a made-up headline on the Rick Mercer Report — political satirist turns down top job at Fox News North.

But it's no joke. The proposed specialty news channel Sun TV News made a play to make Rick Mercer the cornerstone of its prime-time lineup, the comic said, and confirmed he had a meeting with Kory Teneycke, the newly-hired Quebecor vice president.

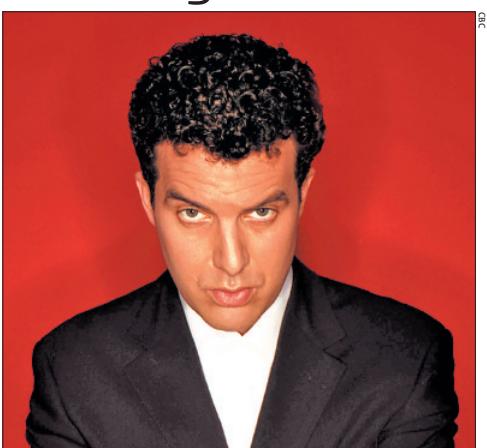
Teneycke, who less than a year ago was Prime Minister Stephen Harper's director of communications, was hoping to steal CBC's top-rated Rick Mercer Report.

"He called me up and we went for a drink," recalled Mercer. The meeting took place "a while ago" and Mercer chose to keep mum about his knowledge of the proposed news venture.

"They were a very stealth operation," he said. "Because they had offered me a job basically I felt obligated to keep my mouth shut. Maybe that was their plan!"

The Rick Mercer Report has been eyed by rival broadcasters in the past. Seen as a crown jewel of Canadian content, it is a consistent ratings winner coming off its seventh and most popular season.

When it came down to



Sun TV News, the proposed specialty news channel, tried to lure Rick Mercer into bringing his highly successful CBC show Rick Mercer Report to the network being dubbed "Fox News North." Mercer said he has decided to remain at the CBC.

it, Mercer chose to stay with CBC.

"Since we're talking about a conservative television network, I'll quote a great conservative and say I decided to 'dance with the one that brung me,'" he said, borrowing a phrase from former prime minister Brian Mulroney.

While he was "very intrigued by this notion of starting a new network," Mercer ultimately felt he had no reason to jump.

"As an independent producer, I'm very happy with my relationship with the

CBC," he said, "but, like anybody, you always hear people out."

Merger is a fan of one of the station's early hires, former Global Ottawa correspondent David Akin. He's also pals with outspoken Western-based conservative pundit Ezra Levant and thinks he'd make a good addition to the service — provided Quebecor knows what it's getting into.

"I hope Ezra catches the world on fire with his smile and his charm — for five or ten hours a week," Mercer said.

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Aguilera to sing for Lakers

Is Christina Aguilera a good luck charm? The Los Angeles Lakers are hoping so. Aguilera has been chosen to sing the national anthem for the deciding Game 7 of the NBA Finals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

movies&entertainment 35**Going Out****Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1****Candace Bushnell**

BOOKS Candace Bushnell has more tales of sex and the city, if not *Sex And The City*. The best-selling author is set to write two more novels, *The Associated Press* reports. Grand Central Publishing said Wednesday the first is about a romantic triangle and is coming out in 2012. It'll be titled *The Two Mrs. Stones*.

**2****Drake**

CELEBRITY It seems Canadian male singers are crowd-control hazards. Justin Bieber was causing commotions during his recent trips down under, and now Drake is doing the same. A recent New York City free concert by the rapper had to be cancelled after twice as many people than expected showed up.

3**Janelle Monae**

MUSIC We're really digging Janelle Monae's whole aesthetic and vibe. The Atlanta-based artist — and Out-Kast protégée — released her highly anticipated debut, *The ArchAndroid*, last month to critical raves. Check out the YouTube video she released, introducing fans to Metropolis, the futuristic world that occupies her album.

**4****Father's Day**

HOLIDAY Still haven't found that perfect gift for dad — or just forget about the holiday altogether? Check out Sears' Retreat solid colour jacquard camp shirt (\$29.99) as a possibility. It's great for an afternoon at the beach, pool or golf course, and stylish enough for a trip to the office.

5**Monopoly**

GAMES The venerable business-minded board game is celebrating its

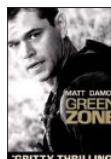
75th anniversary by releasing a Canadian edition. On Tuesday, the company will reveal what 22 Canadian cities will be featured in the new version of the game. Bye bye Baltic Ave.

**6****Absolut Berry Açai**

DRINK Summer is here, and this new concoction from the vodka company — its 11th flavour — combines blueberry, pomegranate and the taste of that new "it" superfood, açai, for an interesting and refreshing taste.

**7****The Green Zone**

DVD Matt Damon's turn as a chief warrant officer who discovers that overt and faulty intelligence causes a U.S. Army officer to go rogue hits store shelves next Tuesday.

**Mix of Six****The Cover of LIFE**

When: Through June 26
Where: Dartmouth Players Theatre

Set in the midst of the Second World War, the play tells the story of three soldiers' wives living with their mother-in-law in a small southern town while the boys are off to war. Visit [dartmouthplayers.ns.ca](#).

Atlantic Canada's Family Expo

When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Exhibition Park

This event will offer something for everyone and will open each day at 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 per adult and free for children under 12. Visit [familyexpo.ca](#).

Catch: The Nova Scotia Seafood Festival

When: Saturday & Sunday
Where: Cunard Centre

Includes seafood tastings, oyster shucking competitions and demonstrations on proper lobster preparation. There will also be celebrity guests, including Food Network chefs Chuck Hughes and Anthony Sedlak. Visit [novascotaseafodfestival.com](#).

10th Annual March/Shining Path

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.
Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre

A jazz opera on the life of former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau with libretto by George Elliott Clarke and music by D.D. Jackson.

Trudeau: Long**March/Shining Path**

When: Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Memory Lane Heritage Village

A wide range of vehicles will be on display as well as pre 1950's small engines. There will also be live music, food and a Kub Kar race. Admission is \$5.

Boyle to oversee 2012 Olympics opening ceremony

Danny Boyle, the Oscar-winning director of Slumdog Millionaire, will oversee the opening ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics.

Boyle was introduced Thursday as the artistic director of the ceremony to be held on July 27, 2012. The announcement was made in the shadow of the new 80,000-seat Olympic stadium in east London that will host both the opening and closing of the

games.

Boyle won the best-director Academy Award in 2009 for *Slumdog Millionaire*, a film that won a total of eight Oscars. His other films include *Trainspotting*, *28 Days Later* and *Sunshine*.

"It's a fantastic responsibility," Boyle said. "When they offered us the job, they said, 'Do you want to think about it?' I said, 'No, I want to do it.'"

Another Hollywood di-

rector, Stephen Daldry, will be one of the executive producers of the opening and closing ceremonies. Daldry directed *Billy Elliott*, *The Reader* and *The Hours*.

The other executive producers of the ceremonies are Beijing Games designer Mark Fisher, television director Hamish Hamilton and Catherine Ugwu, who helped produce the 2006 Asia Games in Doha, Qatar.

London will have a hard act in trying to top the ex-

travagant opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, which was designed by Chinese movie director Zhang Yimou and drew a worldwide television audience of one billion people.

"It's not going to be like Beijing in terms of this overwhelming scale," said Boyle, who was speaking at 3 Mill Studios, the production centre for the London 2012 ceremonies team.

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Danny Boyle, the Oscar-winning director of *Slumdog Millionaire*, appointed to oversee the opening ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics.

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Afghan film industry fighting for survival

In real life he's a pharmacist, a polite young man

who dispenses antibiotics and advice in a tiny Jalal-

abad shop barely 60 kilometres from where Osama Bin Laden disappeared into the mountains.

But when evening falls, when Zhai Khan shuts the pharmacy's gates and sends his young assistant home, he becomes someone else. Then he's a lover (albeit a chaste one). He's a singer (or at least a lip-syncher). He's a fighter, a hero, a defender of the powerless.

You've never heard of him, but Zhai Khan is a movie star.

The quiet pharmacist is the chiselled face, the rippling muscles, the romantic hero of the minuscule Pashto-language vision of Hollywood set amid the towns and mountains of eastern Afghanistan. It's a region where American drones regularly hover overhead, Taliban attacks come all too regularly and it takes more than a little courage to be an actor.

Khan is famous across Jalalabad, and fans some-

"We are changing how people think. Young people see our movies and they know that Afghanistan is not just AK-47s and war. There's something else here too."

Zhai Khan, Afghan movie star

times come to the pharmacy to gawk at him and ask for autographs. Sometimes, though, the Taliban seek him out too. They leave him notes in the night, warning they'll burn down his shop and kill him. One day, he fears, they'll follow through on their threats.

But as Afghanistan struggles with an Islamist insurgency that has surged back since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion, putting broad swaths of the country under Taliban control, a handful of actors are making a cinematic stand.

They do it with movies that are sold here only on DVD, will never make it to western art house cinemas and can withstand

only the gentlest of criticism.

There are shaky camera angles, wildly awful hairpieces and dialogue with the cadence of a press conference ("To achieve our goal we must try to attain our objectives and what we have vowed to do," a hero intones in Black Poi-son, an anti-opium morality tale).

Each film is a patchwork of themes — romance, thriller, weepy family drama — knitted together by martial arts battles and lots of squirting sheep's blood bought from local butchers. The bad guys all seem to have scars, limps or both. The good guys often wear white. They are made, very often, with little beyond a camcorder, a

couple workshop lights and some pirated editing software.

But, they'll tell you here, their battle is worth fighting.

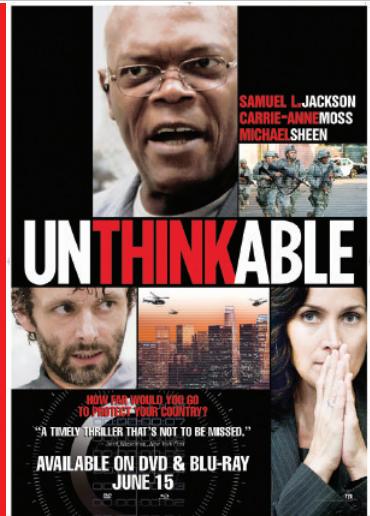
"We are changing how people think," said Khan. "Young people see our movies and they know that Afghanistan is not just AK-47s and war. There's something else here too."

The Taliban hardly exist in these movies. Religious extremism is sometimes hinted at, but most bad guys are generic gangsters or drug smugglers.

To the Taliban, though, the moviemakers are evil.

The Islamist fighters detest all forms of public entertainment, particularly any depiction of the human form, which they believe is forbidden by the Qur'an. When the Taliban ran the country, movies were forbidden, cinemas were closed and videotapes could only be watched in secret.

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Animation needs good acting too

Actors do some of their most interesting work when given the chance to let loose behind an animated role.

Maybe it's the fact that they can walk into a recording booth with no makeup or costumes or props and just go for it. Maybe the kid inside of them comes out when working on such family friendly material. Either way, superstars and character actors alike, when paired with great writing, have shown some of their best stuff through their voice performances.

With the opening Friday of Toy Story 3 — which features a formidable cast including Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Don Rickles, Michael Keaton and Ned Beatty — here's a look at some of the best examples of actors bringing cartoons to life:

*** GEORGE CLOONEY IN FANTASTIC MR. FOX** Clooney was nominated for a best-actor Oscar for Up in the

Air, but his voice work as Mr. Fox was just as memorable last year.

He brings all that Clooney charm in the richness of his delivery, all the smarts and presence that distinguish him as not just a movie star but one of the most solid, versatile actors working today.

And merely the idea of this gorgeous, sexy man playing a furry, little woodland creature — albeit a crafty one with a sly sense of humour — is enough to bring a huge smile to your face.

*** ANTONIO BANDERAS IN THE SHREK SERIES**

Even as the Shrek movies have dwindled in quality — particularly parts three and four — Banderas has consistently lived

things up as the swash-buckling kitty cat Puss in Boots.

Sure, the character himself is cute. But Banderas makes him more than that: flirty, dramatic, dashing despite his diminutive size. He's been an absolute scene-stealer, and now Puss in Boots is about to get his own movie.

*** BEN BURTT IN WALL-E** He's a multiple Oscar winner



George Clooney was praised for his voice over work as Mr. Fox in Fantastic Mr. Fox.



Antonio Banderas has been a scene stealer as the voice of Puss in Boots in the Shrek films.

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who created R2-D2's signature sound effects in the Star Wars movies. Here, he provides all the blips and bleeps through which the lovable robot WALL-E — or Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class — communicates.

And he's a total heart-breaker. That he can convey so much emotion — wow us and move us with just a few noises — is a huge testament to the power of the Pixar machinery

INCREDIBLES The writer-director of another of the best Pixar films ever also took on the juiciest role: Edna "E" Mode, the petite costume designer to the superhero family. Half-Japanese and half-German, she's all business — demanding nothing short of excellence, both in the costumes she creates and the people who wear them.

She's like Q to James Bond, only dressed more chicly in a severe bob and thick-rimmed glasses. Bird made the character superficial, condescending, and an absolute hoot. With those tiny legs of hers, Edna ran off with every scene in which she appeared.

*** BETTY LOU GERSON IN 101 DALMATIANS** "If she doesn't scare you, no evil thing will," goes the song about Cruella De Vil from this animated classic. Materialistic and melodramatic at first, Cruella eventually becomes one of the most famous and fearsome Disney villains ever. Gerson played her perfectly, dripping with tacky wealth and insincerity. In an interview posted on Disney.com, Gerson said her voice and physique actually influenced the look of the character: "At the time, I was a slinky brunette with high cheekbones."

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Hollywood, China close to deal on movie import restrictions

Hollywood's top lobbyist has met with Chinese regulators and said Thursday he is hopeful that Beijing will ease its restrictions on movie imports.

Motion Picture Association of America Acting Chief Executive Bob Pisano met with the regulators this week's Shanghai International Film Festival.

The Chinese government is considering its response to a World Trade Organization ruling that

urges it to let foreign studios distribute their own movies in the country. Currently, the state-run China Film Group decides which movies to import and shares revenues for only 20 imports a year.

"The sense I get is that the Chinese government understands that a) the system has to change, and b) change is not going to be harmful to the Chinese film industry," Pisano told The Associated Press in

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Bob Pisano, acting chief executive Motion Picture Association of America

Hong Kong.

"Our experience around the world is that when markets are free and open, the market of that industry prospers. When the market is closed, and

therefore the filmmaking industry is not subject to the rigours of competition, it frankly doesn't succeed because they end up producing movies the public doesn't want to see," he

said. "You can't force the public to watch a movie they don't want to watch."

In China, domestically made blockbusters are catching up quickly in terms of production values and box office performance. But they still face stiff competition from Hollywood. James Cameron's Avatar earned nearly \$200 million US in China earlier this year, a record. China's entire box office takings in 2009

were \$909 million.

Pisano called Avatar a rare phenomenon and said he didn't think it would scare Chinese movie officials into closing their markets further.

"Avatar is a 12-year phenomenon," Pisano said, referring to Cameron's 1997 romance Titanic, which was also a big hit in China.

"So once every 12 years is not a threat to anything," he said.

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The claims by, Devon James, a former mistress of Tiger Woods, that the golf pro fathered her nine-year-old son are bogus, according to TMZ. Sources say a DNA test was performed in 2002 and that the results prove Woods isn't the dad. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Flockhart drives Ford to marriage

HE FINALLY MADE AN HONEST SKELETON OUT OF HER After nearly nine years together, Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart finally tied the knot in a quiet ceremony in New Mexico earlier this week, according to Page Six. The ceremony was performed in the state governor's mansion in Santa Fe and was officiated by New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson. Ford is currently filming Cowboys and Aliens in New Mexico.



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Hudgens nixes Buffy role

SHE BALKED WHEN SHE DISCOVERED VAMPIRES CAN'T LOOK AT THEMSELVES IN THE MIRROR High School Musical star Vanessa Hudgens isn't interested in playing a vampire. The actress reportedly turned down a proposed new Buffy the Vampire Slayer movie, according to Hollyscoop. "She felt that with Twilight

still so massive, Buffy would not be the best option right now," a source says. "The idea was to have Sarah [Michelle Gellar] back but



with Vanessa as a fresh, new character. The project has been shelved for now."

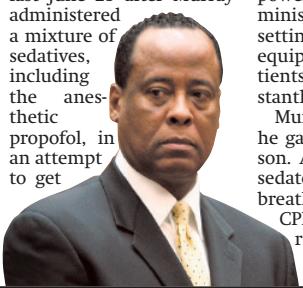
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Report: Jackson doc never received proper medical gear

WHAT'S THAT OLD SAYING ABOUT A CARPENTER BLAMING HIS TOOLS? Michael Jackson's doctor requested but never received lifesaving gear from the concert promoter organizing the singer's London shows, documents obtained by The Associated Press show.

Emails and a proposed contract detailing Dr. Conrad Murray's negotiations with concert promoter AEG Live reveal the requests for a heart resuscitation unit and a medical

assistant. Neither apparently was in place when Jackson died last June 25 after Murray administered a mixture of sedatives, including the anesthetic propofol, in an attempt to get



the chronic insomniac to sleep.

Propofol is extremely powerful and is usually administered only in medical settings with emergency equipment on hand. Patients are normally constantly monitored.

Murray was alone when he gave the drugs to Jackson. After he realized the sedated star was not breathing, he performed CPR but was unable to revive him.

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A desperate ploy?

FOR THE LOVE OF ALL THAT IS HOLY: STOP FEEDING THE BEAST! Reality stars Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt are faking it when it comes to their breakup, sources insist to Page Six. Their latest ploy reportedly involves a story about Montag having an affair with Cougar Zank, a former Marine turned bodyguard and



friend of Pratt. "Heidi and Spencer are trying to play out a fake reality show in the press and get paid along the way," a source says. "They've been approaching magazines and websites to buy the fake

story of Zank having an affair with Heidi. They've been asking for \$100,000. But no one is interested as they don't sell magazines."

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LANCE BASS feels the earth move, **HEIDI MONTAG** needs to just quit, **MINDY KALING** doesn't want basketball season to end, and **RUSSELL CROWE** is keeping track of things.



@LanceBass I've lived in LA 8 years and today is the first quake I've ever felt. I feel like a lost a bet.

@heidimontag writing my sexy action hero movie...

@mindykaling I wish they'd change NBA rules and you had to win 25 games to win the playoffs

@russellcrowe Day 16, that's 640 cigs I didn't smoke. Taking the boys to school. I like adding them up, that number seems so ludicrous that is extra incentive.

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It's good to be famous, reason no. 12,542

AND IF YOU TRY THIS, EXPECT NOTHING BUT FREE RIDICULE Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore's night out at the movies his a snag recently while seeing Get Him to the Greek in L.A. Kutcher reportedly didn't have enough cash on him for the concession stand, so he tried a credit card —

only to have it declined, according to In Touch. "The manager rushed over, apologized and gave them everything for free," a source says. "(Kutcher) didn't seem embarrassed at all. They just laughed it off."

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American DUI

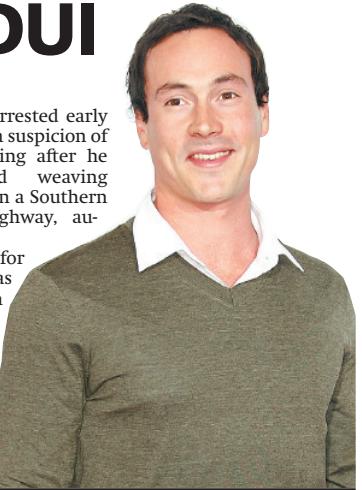
THOSE ADORABLE KIDS HAVE ALL TURNED OUT SO WELL, HAVEN'T THEY? It seems Chris Klein was more than just a little intoxicated when he was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this week. The actor's blood alcohol tested at .20 during a Breathalyzer test, sources tell TMZ. The legal limit in California is .08. The arrest marks Klein's second DUI in six years. The American Pie star also reportedly had a dog with him in the car, which was later retrieved by a friend, according to

the website.

Klein was arrested early Wednesday on suspicion of drunken driving after he was spotted weaving across lanes on a Southern California highway, authorities said.

A request for comment was left with Klein's agent and his manager.

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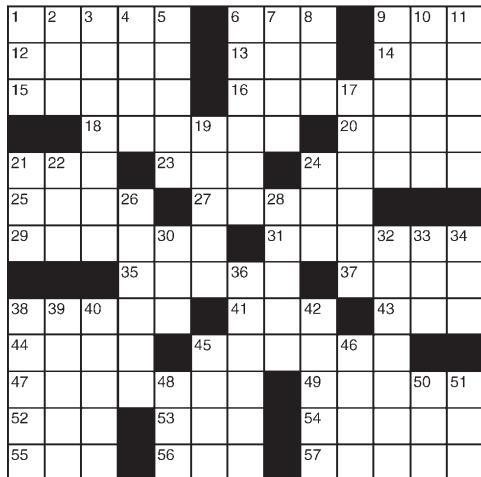


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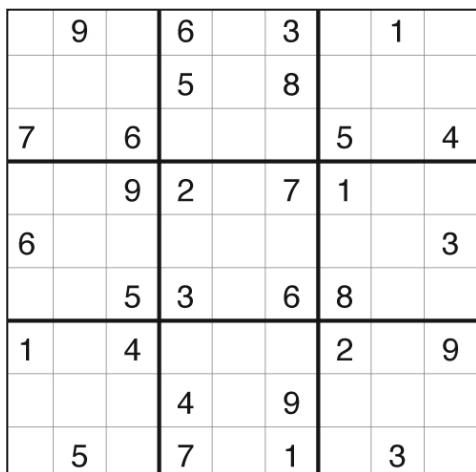
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**Horoscopes by Sally Brompton**sallybrompton.com For Sally's expanded daily and weekend horoscopes, visit metronews.ca**ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

You may be tempted to turn your back and walk away from your responsibilities but you know it's not the right thing to do.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Your thoughts seem to be all over the place at the moment and you need to get them back under control.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

At home and at work you will act in ways that are out of character today, but no harm will come of it so long as you keep telling yourself it's all a game.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

The current cosmic picture warns you need to be more direct where money matters and business negotiations are concerned.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Will a certain situation turn out for the best? Who knows. All you can do is go with the flow and hope that it all comes right in the end.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Something you thought would take weeks to accomplish can be done in a matter of days. If you start now and if you refuse to let other things distract you.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Events beyond your control will make you somewhat nervous today but the planets indicate you won't be affected.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

Push yourself forward. Make a name for yourself. What others say cannot be done is exactly what you will be doing, and doing well, over the next 24 hours.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Throw caution to the wind and do something outrageous. You have never been the sort to hold back, verbally or physically.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Usually it's you who shakes things up and disturbs the status quo, but what happens today will be a reminder you cannot take life for granted.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

You won't find it easy to keep your feelings under control today. A few days hence you will look back and wonder what got into you.

PISCES**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

Go with your instincts today and don't worry if you find yourself at odds with those around you.

This day in history

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1873: Susan B. Anthony is fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election.
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1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp ground sage
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
2 store-bought pie crusts
2 tart apples, peeled and thinly sliced
2 tbsp sugar
1/4 tsp ground allspice
1% milk

METHOD:

- Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). In large skillet, cook ground pork, onion and celery until meat is no longer pink; Drain. Stir in bread crumbs, chicken broth, salt, sage and cayenne pepper.
- Place remaining pie crust over apple mixture. Trim crust to 1/2 inch beyond edge of plate. Fold under bottom crust and crimp edge. Cut slits in top crust. Brush with milk. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until golden. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

2. Line 23 cm pie plate with 1 pie crust; trim even with edge. Spoon meat mixture into pie plate. In medium-size bowl, combine apples, sugar, and allspice. Spoon over meat mixture.

3. Place remaining pie crust over apple mixture. Trim crust to 1/2 inch beyond edge of plate. Fold under bottom crust and crimp edge. Cut slits in top crust. Brush with milk. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until golden. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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